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Instead province is stepping in with 'hundreds of millions' in funds

Premier Kathleen Wynne is slamming the brakes on Toronto Mayor John Tory's plan to toll the Don Valley Parkway and the Gardiner Expressway by pledging additional transit funding, Torstar News Service has learned.

Wynne is to announce Friday at a Richmond Hill bus yard that the provincial government will not give Toronto council permission to impose the levies on the two city-owned highways.

At the same time the premier will outline "hundreds of millions of dollars" in new money annually for municipalities with public transit systems.

"We're trying to help people get ahead and stay ahead — even a toll of $20 more a week is not affordable for Ontario families," an official confided.

"The province is indicating that there can't be a conversation about tolling while other options (for commuters) are unavailable," the insider said Thursday.

That effectively means tolling Toronto highways is off the table until Tory's "SmartTrack" regional express rail expansion is up and running around 2023.

With Finance Minister Charles Sousa set to finally balance the books this spring, Queen's Park is flush and can afford more for transit — over and above the $31.5 billion Wynne has promised province-wide over 10 years.

The cash infusion to the treasury is enabling the province to double the share of gasoline tax revenue for municipalities.

Toronto council overwhelmingly backed Tory's move to impose road tolls on the Gardiner Expressway and Don Valley Parkway, two of the region's busiest arteries, and use the proceeds for transit. "I made an honest choice after careful consideration, an honest choice. Because the dishonest choice is to say, let's just do nothing and hope for the best," the mayor said Dec. 13.

While Wynne and Tory are close political allies, it is unclear whether the province will be able to come up with the $160 million to $300 million annually that tolls of $2 or more per trip could bring in.

The mayor is not scheduled to attend the premier's announcement in Richmond Hill.

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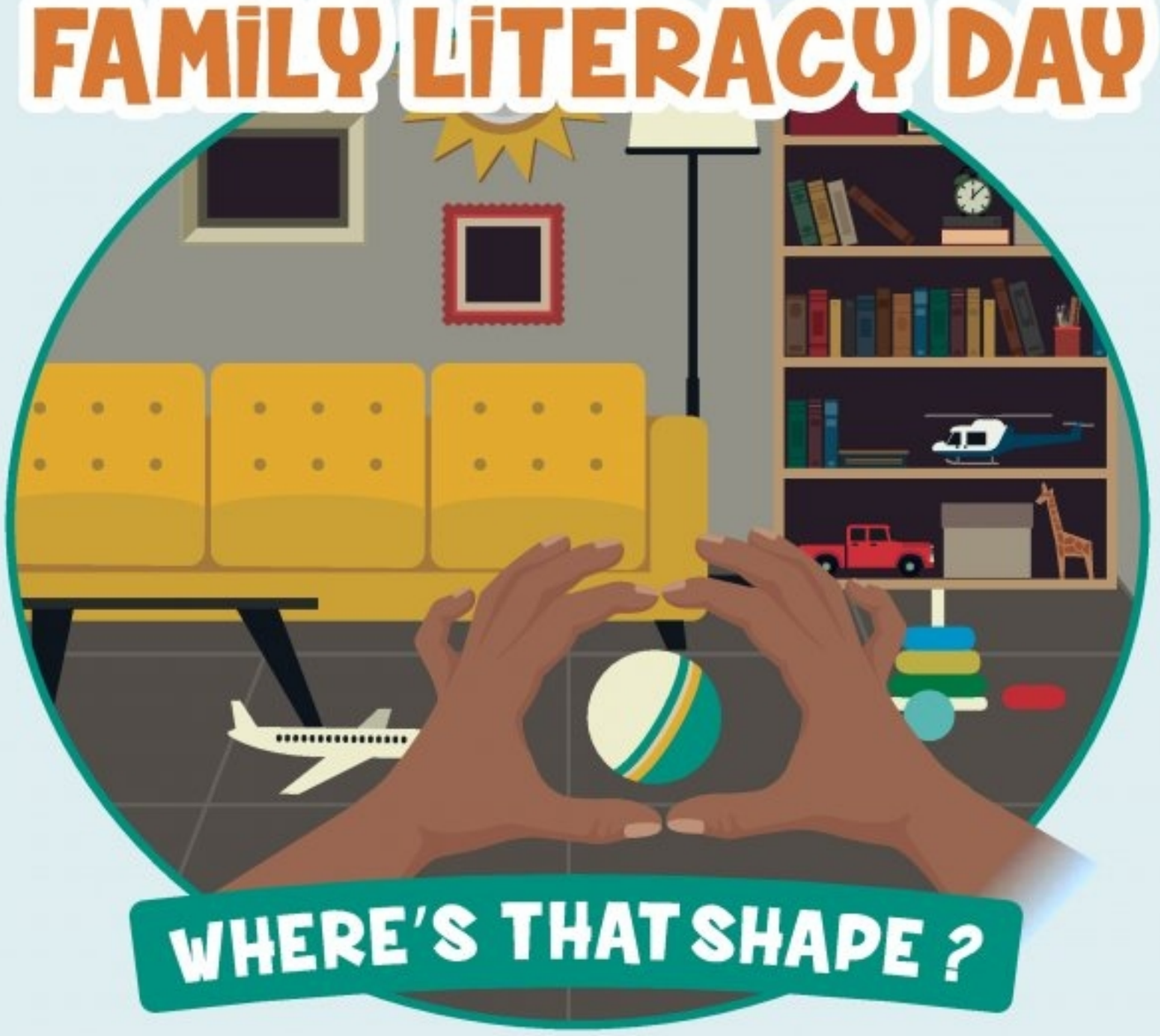

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Canadian women showed up in the thousands for Women's Marches last week. Now they're figuring out where to take that energy next. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Toronto DIGEST

TRANSIT

City plugs pilot project with new website

The city has just launched a website to plug a proposed pilot that would make a crowded stretch of King Street a transit-only zone. An early version of the plan was first floated by TTC CEO Andy Byford in 2013, and he was backed by then-TTC chair Karen Stintz. Details of the pilot will be revealed on Feb. 13.

ANDREW FIFIELD/METRO

LABOUR

Deputy premier calls on colleges for restraint

Slapping college presidents with a failing grade on their salary proposals, Deputy Premier Deb Matthews said she also wants to send a message of restraint to the heads of universities and hospitals. With the end of a five-year wage freeze on non-unionized public sector workers looming, some of Ontario's 24 colleges are seeking wage hikes of up to 50 per cent.

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IMMIGRATION

Friends, family greet new arrivals

Restless anticipation turned to hugs and tears of joy the moment Saadi Mado saw his family for the first time in two years. Two hours after arriving at Pearson, the first Yazidi refugees arriving in Canada were greeted by friends and families. They were brought here by the Project Abraham of the Mozuud Freedom Foundation.

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Women protesters march on

ADVOCACY

Anti-Trump demonstrators intend to keep up momentum

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The protest signs have been thrown out and the pink cat-eared hats have been put away.

But that doesn't mean Toronto women, both those who made the trip to Washington for the Women's March and the thousands that attended the sister event at Queen's Park, are giving up any time soon.

Their U.S. sisters have started "10 actions/100 days" to continue the momentum of the historic march. The first action: Penning postcard to senators about issues that matter most.

The Canadians, meanwhile, have drafted a "call to action" letter addressed to all federal leaders, said group spokeswoman Gillian Sonin.

The call to action advocates for issues like a national child-care strategy and a national action plan to address violence against women.

While it's important to stand in solidarity with American women under Trump, it's also vital to address problems in our own backyard, Sonin said.

"There are women within our own borders who are not granted the rights that they've been promised and that they deserve," she added. "We like the idea of the 10 actions in a 100 days, but of course we would tweak it to be Canadian centred."

> I think moving forward we will have a distinctly Canadian focus and a Canadian voice. Gillian Sonin

Kavita Dogra, who spearheaded the Toronto Women's March, is encouraging people to send a message to the mayor about supporting women's needs in the 2017 city budget.

"We see this rally as one tactic that brought people together, but we need constant, regular action that is diverse and holds politicians to account for change to happen," she said.

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Final report scolds police militarism

PUBLIC SERVICE

Action plan seeks 'culture change' amid $100M in cuts

Chief Mark Saunders speaks during a news conference as Andy Pringle, chairman of the police services board, looks on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A police task force released its long-awaited final report Thursday, describing it as an "action plan" to bring about "comprehensive and long-lasting change," while reducing costs and rebuilding dwindling public trust in the Toronto Police Service and its 8,000 members.

Unveiled at a packed police board meeting at police headquarters, the report outlined new goals and provided updates on a series of interim recommendations released last summer by the so-called Transformational Task Force, composed of police and civilians and co-chaired by police chief Mark Saunders and board chair Andy Pringle.

Action already taken by Toronto police and its board includes the complete shuttering, as of this month, of the controversial Toronto Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (TAVIS) unit, a significant victory for communities who felt targeted and harassed.

Much of the focus of Thursday's finalized report was purportedly on "culture change" within the force, and it called for a more "comprehensive people-management and (human-resources) strategy for the service," although the task force has not yet spelled out what that would entail. The task force highlighted that problems can arise from a rigid, top-down or militaristic culture often endemic to policing.

"In modern organizational thinking, these characteristics are often viewed as cultural barriers to flexibility, empowerment and innovation," reads the report.

Toronto police culture should instead have "less focus on hierarchy and seniority and more on identifying, developing and rewarding people based on performance and merit."

The task force recommends police perform a culture assessment within the next six months and develop what they call a "change-management strategy."

The final report still leaves a lot of unanswered questions on exactly how and when the recommendations will be implemented. The report was presented to the board Thursday but deferred for full discussion until the February meeting.

"Over the next six months, the Service will be developing more detailed implementation plans and will be reporting quarterly on those," the executive summary states.

Released in June, the task force's interim report recommended a three-year freeze on hiring and promotions, the realignment of divisional boundaries and the amalgamation of some stations.

The report claimed to have found $100 million in reductions and savings to the service's ballooning $1-billion operating budget, primarily by shrinking the size of the force.

The number of uniformed officers would be reduced to 4,750 from 5,200 in three years. Civilian employees would be reduced to 1,850 from 2,220.

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COMPLAINT

Officer behaviour in video 'disgusting'

A man who shot a widely viewed video showing a Toronto police arrest is speaking out over comments the officer made to him that are offensive to those living with HIV/AIDS.

The video which surfaced Tuesday shows an officer telling the man filming that the person they were arresting, "was going to spit in your face, you're going to get AIDS."

Waseen Khan, who recorded the video on his phone, said he felt outraged by the AIDS comment. "How could someone living with HIV/AIDS feel safe when dealing with the police if this is how they are seen?"

Khan has filed a complaint about the incident with the Office of the Independent Police Review Director, which is responsible for investigating complaints about officers' behaviour.

"It's pretty disgusting," said Khan. "I have friends and relatives that have been affected by HIV/AIDS. It's really important, especially when officers (are) supposed to be out there serving and protecting people and dealing with marginalized communities."

Christopher Thomas, a spokesperson from The AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT) said his organization also found the comment alarming, especially as the "ongoing conversations about the police and queer bodies have become very political over the past year."

ACT released a statement to police urging them to hear directly from people living with the virus.

The incident is "another indication that the police need to regain a solid practice of community consultation and another disheartening demonstration of how disconnected they are from queer communities in downtown Toronto," Thomas said.

Mayor John Tory told reporters Thursday he "was very disconcerted" by the video and "very troubled" by officers trying to stop Khan from recording the arrest and the comments about AIDS. "I found the comments with respect to AIDS and saliva just ignorant. I mean, they are just ignorant. And I think they are offensive, and fortunately the police moved quickly to apologize."

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An unidentified police officer, left, is being criticized by Waseen Khan, right, a passerby filming the tasering of a suspect.

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HONEST ED'S

Drink an homage to T.O.'s beloved bargain king

May Warren
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There's no beer like this beer, anywhere.

Toronto's Henderson Brewing Co. has created an Honest Ed's brew called The End of Honesty in an homage to the now-closed discount store.

"Ed was a great guy and he really helped to shape the city," said Steve Himel, general manager of Henderson Brewing Co. "We wanted to celebrate that great legacy."

Himel bills the brew as a "drinkable, simple lager" which, priced at less than $10 for a four pack, wouldn't seem out of place in the discount emporium.

Get a taste of Honest Ed's with this beer from Toronto's Henderson Brewing Co. COURTESY HENDERSON BREWING CO.

The ingredients even include cheap sugar snagged from Honest Ed's before it closed at the end of 2016.

It's called an "adjunct lager" in the beer business, he said, and the joke is they've "added junk from Honest Ed's to the beer."

Himel doesn't have any personal ties to Honest Ed's. But in a strange twist, his great-uncle was Harold Kamin, also known as Bargain Harold's, who ran one of Ed's biggest discount competitors in the 1970s and '80s.

> **Ed was a great guy and he really helped to shape the city.**
> Steve Himel

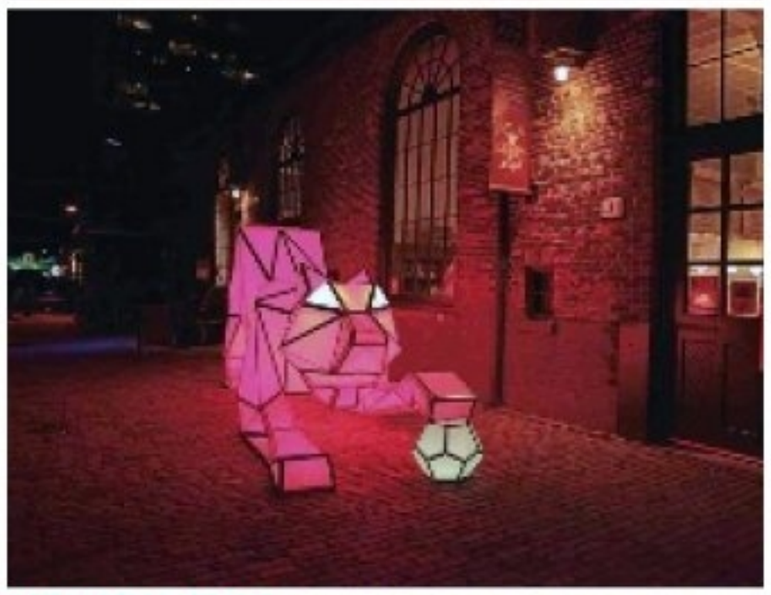
Himel's west-end craft brewery has been making special brews that "bring a story to life" since it opened in 2014.

He was inspired by watching the Food Network's Cupcake Wars, where "you take these people with a skill and you challenge them with a theme."

The brewery only makes each of its blends once. Which means, just like Ed's sales, The End of Honesty is available for a limited time only.

YOUR NEXT #METROARTSCHALLENGE

We need more entries for our reader challenge. Here's your task: Make a superhero for Toronto. Give your hero a crest. Snap a photo or scan this page and send it with a short description of your hero's superpowers to genna.buck@metronews.ca (**make sure to include "arts challenge" in the subject line**) or tweet with the hashtag **#MetroArtsChallenge**. Here's an example from reader Geri Mortazavi: "Her name is Tor-X. 'X' represents the X-chromosome. Tor-X is not your typical superhero depicted in pop culture. She is not a white male. She is a minority woman. Her superpower is to instantly make newcomers to Toronto feel welcome and comfortable. Tor-X can magically make all past hardships, anxieties and loneliness disappear. She will unite newcomers to all the good the city has to offer. Tor-X annihilates alienation, prejudice and doubt that the newcomers may be facing."



ART INSTALLATIONS DISTILLERY DISTRICT HOSTS LIGHT FESTIVAL The Distillery District is about to get brighter. The inaugural Toronto Light Festival starts Friday and runs through March 12, featuring lighted art installations created by dozens of artists from around the world and displayed at 44 buildings throughout the district. The Digital Origami Tigers from LAVA, pictured, is just one of the installations featured. TEXT: GILBERT NGABO/METRO; PHOTO CREDIT: THANE LUCAS

Waiting for Biyombo

BASKETBALL

No. 8 captured Raptors fans' hearts during one-year stint

Gilbert Ngabo
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The Sunday clash between the Toronto Raptors and the Orlando Magic can't come fast enough for Danny Niyitegeka.

The Raps fan has been sitting on his ticket since early December, counting the days until he will be in the stands watching his all-time favourite basketball player: Bismack Biyombo.

"I think I'll buy his Magic jersey and wear it for just one day," Niyitegeka said, torn between cheering for the home team or the 6-foot-9 centre who captured the hearts of many Torontonians in his one-year stint with the team.

He may not have been the Raptors' best player, but Biyombo's heroics and celebrations on the hardwood left a lasting impression. You can still see his No. 8 jersey in the stands at Air Canada Centre games.

A Raptors spokesperson said the organization has no plan of showing any video tribute for Biyombo in his first return to the city since he signed a four-year, $72-million contract with the Magic last summer.

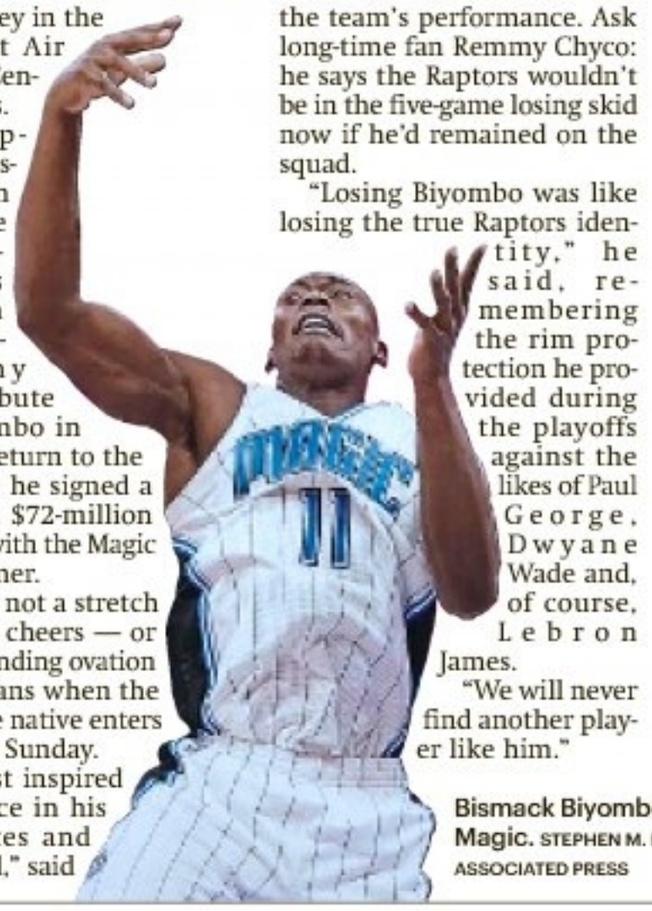
But it's not a stretch to expect cheers — or even a standing ovation — from fans when the Congolese native enters the game Sunday.

"He just inspired confidence in his teammates and the crowd," said Niyitegeka, who has turned to Magic games to keep the Biyombo fever going.

Some fans believe his absence will continue to affect the team's performance. Ask long-time fan Remmy Chyco: he says the Raptors wouldn't be in the five-game losing skid now if he'd remained on the squad.

"Losing Biyombo was like losing the true Raptors identity," he said, remembering the rim protection he provided during the playoffs against the likes of Paul George, Dwyane Wade and, of course, Lebron James.

"We will never find another player like him."



Bismack Biyombo now plays for the Orlando Magic. STEPHEN M. DOWELL/ORLANDO SENTINEL VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOR THE RECORD

Biyombo's most memorable moments as a Raptor

- **The Block:** In Game 4 of last year's Conference Finals, Biyombo got whistled for an epic block on Lebron James. Asked at the time about the foul, Biyombo said: "I don't want to lose any money."
- **Rebound record:** Biyombo was instrumental in the Raptors' first win of the Conference Finals when he grabbed 26 rebounds, tying a playoff record set more than three decades ago.
- **Finger Wag:** Biyombo will be remembered for wagging his finger after every shot he blocked, a signature that initially belonged to his fellow countryman and NBA legend Dikembe Mutombo.

Let's become like Amsterdam

Toronto has the potential to be a world-class cycling city like Amsterdam or Copenhagen, if only we apply ourselves. That's the message in a new report from Toronto's Metcalf Foundation, which offers 16 recommendations on how to achieve this bold future.

May Warren
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"It's a very positive and hopeful vision for Toronto," said Beth Savan, a faculty member at the University of Toronto's School of the Environment who co-authored the report with Trudy Ledsham.

The city is already moving toward some of the recommendations, she added, including a Vision Zero road-safety plan that aspires to eradicate road deaths and serious injuries.

"This is something that we can do; it's something that people want," she said.

Jared Kolb, executive director of Cycle Toronto, served as a local advisor for the report. He called the recommendations "signposts" on the path to making the city more bike-friendly.

The report makes it clear that Toronto needs a transportation master plan.

While council approve a 10-year cycling plan last year, it's "disconnected" from other transportation plans and doesn't embrace protected bike lanes, Kolb said.

"I think we're on the road," he added, "but I think we still have quite a ways to go."

Cyclist and safe-streets advocate Albert Koehl praised the report as "excellent" but said the city has no shortage of such recommendations.

The cycling infrastructure works, said Koehl, pointing to the new Bloor bike lanes. They've seen an average of 150 to 200 riders during rush hour this month, according to advocacy group Bells on Bloor.

"The real gap has always been in the political leadership," Koehl added.

75%

Between 2006 and 2011, daily cycling trips in Toronto increased by 75 per cent, according to the Metcalf Foundation report.

The city has already began fulfilling the road-safety recommendations outlined in Toronto's Metcalf Foundation report in an effort to make Toronto more bike friendly. The recommendations include investing in bike infrastructure. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

SIX KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

WINTER RIDING
Improve winter maintenance of bike lanes

MECHANICS
Offer bicycle mechanic courses in high schools

CARGO BIKES
Research and pilot cargo bikes for small parcel delivery over the "last mile," the stretch between transit stations and homes or businesses

REPAIRS
Provide cycle service and repair facilities in neighbourhoods where few people ride

PARKING
Prioritize a bicycle parking strategy

BIKE LANES
Invest in bike infrastructure, including separated lanes

Tax havens: Lessons from Britain

PANAMA PAPERS

In 2016, it became leader in exposing tax cheats

The glittering towers and spartan offices of this international financial capital hold billions of illicit offshore dollars, money belonging to countless anonymous company owners who came here to evade taxes and finance fraud, money laundering and terrorism.

That established model of corporate concealment, adopted by Canada, has met its end in Britain.

Last June, Britain became the world leader in exposing tax cheats by requiring corporate registrations to include the names of the real company owners — or "persons with significant control" — and listing the records in a database that anyone can view free online.

The British model, although still new, has been hailed as groundbreaking for disarming the most essential weapon for tax evaders: secrecy. Britain's top financial crime cop considers corporate ownership secrecy "a threat to the economic security of the U.K."

A Union flag flies near Big Ben in London. Britain requires corporate registrations to include the names of the real company owners and list them in an online database. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The Canadian government has displayed no such sense of urgency. In Canada's federal and provincial corporate registries, it is difficult — often impossible — to identify the real owners of companies if they choose to hide behind lawyers, accountants or paper-only directors.

It's the same kind of corporate secrecy that lures money launderers, tax evaders, drug traffickers and embezzlers to offshore tax havens such as Panama, the Seychelles and British Virgin Islands.

Canada's growing reputation as a tax haven has consequences, say experts, including attracting money from criminals and injecting unrestrained foreign investment into real-estate markets that drives up housing costs beyond the reach of many Canadians.

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Ontario limited partnerships have become a go-to corporate structure for hiding international wealth legally thanks to secretive business registration and regulations that are being used in ways the province never intended.

Countries around the world are wrestling to close the regulatory black holes that facilitate tax evasion in the aftermath of the Panama Papers revelations, based on the leak of 11.5 million documents obtained by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and shared in Canada with the Star and the CBC.

Britain, once heavily criticized for failing to control its overseas territories such as the British Virgin Islands, chose the right target for rooting out tax cheats, says Robert Palmer, who runs the anti-money laundering arm of the U.K. research group Global Witness.

Former British business secretary Vince Cable, an architect of the British public registry, said his government acted because the country was "in danger of attracting bad people with bad money."

"Russian oligarchs for an example, they did acquire quite substantial companies here," said Cable, who took on powerful corporate interests in the City of London to create the registry.

"Britain has taken the lead and now it is reasonable to expect for other countries like Canada to look at the experience and see if it has improved things."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

What does your Canada look like?

What is your favourite place in Canada? Is it the street you grew up on, the place where you shared your first kiss, or that secret spot you visit to get away from the hustle and bustle of life? We want to know.

To mark the country's 150th birthday, Metro is launching 150 Postcards, where you get to share your favourite piece of Canada with your friends, neighbours and fellow Canadians. Starting Feb. 1, we will feature one reader's submission each day in Metro editions across the county, on Metronews.ca and our 150postcards Instagram page. On the Friday before the Canada Day long weekend, the most popular postcards we receive will be printed in Metro. METRO

GET INVOLVED

Send us a photo of your favourite place in Canada along with 25 to 50 words about why that place is special to you. You can email us at **scene@metronews.ca** or post to Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag **#150canada**.

IMMIGRATION

'Comedy is a language'

Caught between cultures, immigrants may say things inadvertently and act in unusual ways that are funny to Canadians.

Not bound by political correctness, they can get away with jokes that others can't, poke fun at others and laugh with a Canadian audience on such sensitive topics as white privilege.

Now a group of immigrant comics is hoping to draw on their experiences to entertain multicultural Toronto through a monthly stand-up comedy show, Comedy as a Second Language, which kicks off Friday at the Social Capital Theatre on Danforth Ave.

"Comedy is a language. I have learned so much about people and their culture through comedy. That's how I feel," said Carol Zoccoli, who came up with the idea when she moved here from Brazil in 2013 and found little live comedy for immigrants.

"We want diverse people to be represented on stage and expose newcomers to comedy, so they can laugh, identify and relate to these jokes and see themselves represented."

An established entertainer in Sao Paulo, Zoccoli has a master's degree in philosophy and started writing jokes as a break from her academic pursuits. She was among the first wave of stand-up comics gaining prominence in Brazil in the 2000s appearing on the Brazilian equivalents of Saturday Night Live and the Comedy Central channel.

Brazilian immigrant comedian Carol Zoccoli says "Comedy is a language." CONTRIBUTED

"I wasn't sure if I could be funny in English. Language was the hardest part. My English was at an advanced level but it's not at performance level. How am I going to fit in this world?" asked Zoccoli.

Aware of the cultural differences and nuances in humour, Zoccoli said she attended many Canadian shows and spent time studying the audiences' responses, to learn what makes them laugh.

"In Brazil, we play big characters with crazy costumes. It's some big, exaggerated acting. The audience is very warm and they laugh loud, but it is hard to make them pay attention," she noted.

"Here, the audience likes subtleties and there is more room for you to be yourself. It is more honest."

Zoccoli took improvisation and conservatory classes at Second City and in 2015 was selected for the club's Bob Curry Fellowship, a professional development master program for actors and improvisers from diverse multicultural backgrounds.

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DUTCH COMEDY

Show skewers Trump

Andrew Fifield
Metro | Toronto

Satirical news shows like Last Week Tonight and The Daily Show have spread across the world, and a lot of them are licking their chops about the Trump Administration.

So congratulations to the Dutch weekly Zondag met Lubach (Sunday with Lubach) for scoring the first global hit with their shot at the White House in the form of a fake tourism video.

After poking fun at the president's proclivities and rather distinct speech, the bit takes a sharp inward turn to comment on the issues the Netherlands faces at home, such as the "scandalous tradition of Black Pete"

However, it's not all teasing and jabs and the video takes us to a much more conciliatory conclusion.

"We've got a great, great, great dependency on the United States. It's huge," the faux Trump narrator says. "If you screw NATO, you're going to make our problems great again. They're going to be huge, they're going to be enormous. It's true. Please don't."

VIDEO ON THE METRO APP

Zondag met Lubach (Sunday with Lubach) scored the first global hit with their shot at the White House in the form of a fake tourism video. YOUTUBE.COM

BORDER DRAMA

All Mexico, no Canada

The first week of Donald Trump's presidency promised Canada two bridges, one oil pipeline and a set of locks.

Mexico got a wall.

America's two neighbours had vastly different experiences in Week 1 of the reality-TV-star's presidency - Canada away from the spotlight, quietly hoping for the best, while Mexico featured in tension-filled plot twists.

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President Trump: The words still shock

Even now, the words retain a dystopian tinge.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

Each day, now, waking up and turning on the radio, two words float out: "President Trump." They're tossed in among the weather by a voice that sounds not at all surprised to utter the phrase.

But I remain shocked. Not electric shocked: I've been awake these past months, after all. Normalization — the fear of the left — and the human urge to accept what you see has downgraded the feeling to a static jolt. A mere flick to the brain.

"Oh, right," I think. "President Trump." Then the newscast goes on, and a smorgasbord of campaign promises and knee-jerk presidential directives come tumbling out of the presenters' measured voices.

One day, Trump is picking a fight with the media over his lies about crowd sizes at his inauguration while simultaneously disrespecting murdered CIA agents, the next he's cutting international and national funding for women's health in a nod to anti-abortion extremists. Quietly, his administration has wiped climate change from the White House website and muzzled Environmental Protection Agency and National Parks staff. He's ordered the wall to be built, and a ban on Syrian refugees, among others, is in the works. He's considering withholding funding from "sanctuary cities" which help illegal immigrants; he's launching an investigation to baseless and disproven claims of massive voter fraud. He might even send federal law enforcement into Chicago to deal with gun crime. Meanwhile, GOP leadership is putting up a mostly unified front. Business leaders are getting in line, meeting with the new president to secure their spot on his good list, lest he sic his Twitter account on them.

Reporters are rushing to keep up on all fronts, with Trump's pronouncement that torture is effective and his family's new $200,000 Mar-a-Lago membership fee, which doubled this month.

"It's chaos," one reporter tweeted.

Or it's the trenches. It turns out Trump was both serious and literal in his campaign. His whims will be orders. His grievances wielded with the weight of the presidency. He was not playing the bombastic, feuding egomaniac for votes. The reality show is the morning news.

When I hear "President Trump," as I'm pouring my coffee, it retains its dystopian tinge. I wonder if this is how people felt in other times of upheaval, going about their morning routines, for example, while the world teetered on nuclear war. There is a dissonance between the normality of the life you've been living, and the political reality into which you've been plunged.

The steady voice of news anchors you know, the work of writers you've come to rely on offer some solace. People you trust are keeping track, countering lies, investigating, analysing. Even the civil service, unused to being exploited for such deeply personal and ideological ends, is acting out, leaking memos to the press and launching rogue Twitter accounts.

It is a luxury, and a great one, that up until this week my mornings have been largely peaceful. I am a novice in fear, waking up to Trump.

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto cancelled his visit to the U.S. over a debate with Donald Trump on who will pay for the border wall.
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IMMIGRATION

Trump, Pena Nieto spar about proposed wall

President Donald Trump called on fellow Republicans to help him enact "great and lasting change" at a party retreat Thursday but offered few details. Later his spokesman said the president will seek a 20 per cent tax on Mexican imports to pay for a proposed border wall.

The president was greeted by cheers as he took the stage in a hotel ballroom, telling senators and House members, "This Congress is going to be the busiest Congress in decades — maybe ever."

He addressed lawmakers shortly after Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto cancelled a trip to Washington next week for his first meeting with the new president due to their disagreement over which of their countries would pay to build Trump's promised wall on the border between them.

The wall is part of Trump's plan to halt illegal immigration to the U.S., and he has long said that Mexico will pay. Pena Nieto insists his country will not.

> **This Congress is going to be the busiest Congress in decades...**
> President Donald Trump

On the flight back to Washington, White House spokesman Sean Spicer told reporters travelling with the president that Trump will seek to impose a 20 per cent tax on Mexican imports to pay for the wall. Congressional approval would be needed for such a step.

But then later, at the White House, Spicer tried to take back his earlier comments by saying the 20 per cent tax is one of several options under consideration and Trump hasn't settled on it.

In Trump's remarks to lawmakers, he cast the cancellation of his engagement with Pena Nieto as a mutual decision, saying they had "agreed to cancel our planned meeting." Trump had tweeted early Thursday that "it would be better to cancel the upcoming meeting" given Pena Nieto's unwillingness to pay for the border wall.

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When you're photobombed by a shark

WILDLIFE

10-year-old's unusual experience in Australia

A 10-year-old surfer has had a close encounter with a photobombing shark that shared a wave with him off an Australian beach.

Chris Hasson said Thursday that he was taking photos of his son Eden riding a wave off Samurai Beach at Port Stephens, 180 kilometres north of Sydney, on Tuesday when something unexpected and indistinct caught his eye.

He discovered he had photographed the face of a twisting shark just below the surface with his son on an apparent collision course. "I saw the second photo and (thought) — no way," Hasson said. "I quickly called him in and whistled."

"He (Eden) saw a shape in the wave and thought it was seaweed and felt something as he went over the top — he got his leg rope caught on something — but he thought nothing of it until he saw the photo," Hasson said.

James Cook University shark researcher Andrew Chin said the photographed shark was possibly a small great white.

"From the angle, it looks like the shark was spooked and is rolling away from the board to escape it," Chin said. "There is no way that this is a hunting approach."

Port Stephens is on the northern coast of New South Wales state which has experienced an extraordinary increase in shark attacks since a Japanese tourist was killed by a great white in early 2015.

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Chris Hasson's son, Eden, surfs near what is believed to be a great white shark at Samurai Beach in Port Stephens, Australia. COURTESY CHRIS HASSON VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAMBIA

Throngs cheer new president's return

President Adama Barrow returned triumphantly to Gambia on Thursday, nearly two months after winning an election disputed by the country's longtime dictator, to the cheers of hundreds of thousands who jammed the roads in welcome.

"That's my president!" the crowds cried, eager to see Barrow fulfil the promise of democratic reforms and newfound freedoms in this tiny West African nation.

The impasse after the Dec. 1 balloting had brought Gambia to the brink of military intervention, as regional leaders vowed to install the democratically elected Barrow despite legal efforts by longtime ruler Yahya Jammeh to overturn the result of the vote. Barrow had flown to Banjul from Senegal, where he had waited for Jammeh to leave Gambia.

"Barrow! Barrow!" people shouted from atop vehicles as far as the eye could see at sunset Thursday as the president's convoy made its way through Banjul. Women danced on minibuses and the sound of drums and music blared in the streets. Spontaneous parties erupted.

Barrow stood out of the roof of his vehicle and waved as he slowly made his way on a tour of the city and back to his home.

"I am a happy man today," Barrow said amid the crush of his arrival. "I think the bad part is finished now."

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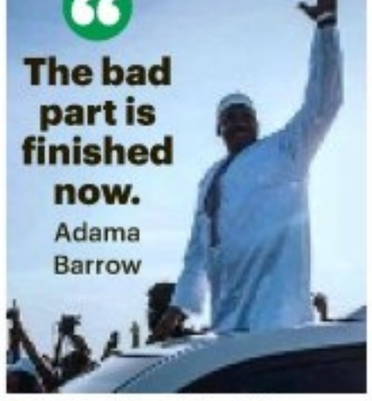

Gambian President Adama Barrow arrives at Banjul airport in Gambia on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

CATASTROPHE

Doomsday Clock ticks closer to midnight

Irene Kuan
Metro | Toronto

The Doomsday Clock has moved 30 seconds closer to midnight, meaning the world is just two and a half minutes from the point of existential catastrophe.

In a statement released Thursday, The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists said although the decision to adjust the symbolic clock is often based on examining long-term threats to humanity, this year, the actions and statements of one person — Donald Trump — and the rise in 'strident nationalism' became a major driving factor in the board's decisions.

The board statement said although Trump has only been president for a matter of days, his actions and statements on nuclear weapons and dismissal of scientific claims about the global threat of climate change in the past year were enough for them to move the clock forward by half a minute. It's a jump the board has never made in its 70 year history.

This is the closest to midnight the clock has been since the Cold War in the 1950s, when the U.S. and Soviet Union were testing hydrogen bombs.

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NASA's Cassini spacecraft has captured an eerie image of Saturn's moon Daphnis, shot through the rippling rings

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WHO'S RIGHT? INSIDE THE SUGAR WARS

What is making us fat? The reasons for the obesity epidemic are still a matter of debate, even among experts. It's really hard to study the long-term effects of a given diet. Fat was once nutrition enemy number one, but now some critics are taking aim at sugar. Here are three different views.

What's insulin resistance?
You can think of the hormone insulin as a key that unlocks fat and muscle cells. Your body converts food into simple sugars. When you eat, your blood sugar spikes, and your pancreas releases insulin. Insulin brings your blood sugar down by encouraging muscle cells to absorb sugar and use it for energy, and fat cells to absorb sugar and store it as fat. If you have insulin resistance, you've built up a bit of a tolerance to insulin. You need to secrete more of it in order to have the same effect of your cells, making it harder to keep your blood sugar under control. Some experts, not all, believe insulin resistance is a major factor driving many chronic diseases, including obesity.

The sugar-wary doctor

Dr. Khosrow Adeli, head of clinical biochemistry, SickKids

A little bit of sugar is important. It makes food taste good. But there is no question, from dozens of studies in humans and animals, that sugar, and particularly fructose, causes insulin resistance. When you develop insulin resistance, it can turn into a number of chronic conditions, including obesity and Type II diabetes. Too much fructose also causes high blood pressure and fatty liver disease. And the effects tend to be worse if you're also eating a lot of fat and other carbohydrates. Fructose and sugar are a problem not just because of all the calories they contain. If you compare them to calories from, say, fat, the fructose calories are much more harmful. B**ottom Line:** Along with lack of exercise and overeating, sugar, and especially fructose, is one of the main reasons for our obesity epidemic. Adults should cap fructose intake at 50 g per day.

The crusading journalist

Gary Taubes, author, The Case Against Sugar

For the past century or so, the worst we've said about sugar is that it's empty calories. The idea was that you could exercise it away and balance it by eating less of other things. That is naïve. There's a significant amount of evidence that sugar is a fundamental cause of the obesity and diabetes epidemics worldwide. Something in our diet and lifestyle is causing it, and sugar should be the prime suspect. We don't say **too much** smoking causes lung cancer. We say smoking causes lung cancer. If I'm right, and I clearly think and hope I am, doctors are going to be telling you sugar is killing you, don't eat it. **Bottom line:** Sugar kills; minimize your intake.

The skeptical scientist

Dr. David C.W. Lau, professor, University of Calgary

Gary Taubes's ideas are oversimplified. I've been doing research on obesity for a long time, so I'm very familiar with the arguments about sugar and insulin resistance. We develop insulin resistance as we gain more body fat. That is the body's natural defence mechanism to stop you from gaining more fat. It's one reason we tend to stay at a constant weight. But you usually won't become insulin resistant to the point that insulin doesn't work, unless you are prone to developing Type 2 diabetes. **Bottom line:** The amounts of carbs, fat, or other major nutrients in your diet don't matter as much as excess calories do. That's what causes weight gain.

Your week in science

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SCIENTISTS MARCH
As a U.S. administration steeped in climate-change denial and other anti-science views takes power, scientists are planning to storm Washington, D.C. and demand evidence-based policy — after peer review of course.

METALLIC HYDROGEN
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Milla Jovovich returns to the big screen for the seventh, and possibly last, chapter of the Resident Evil film franchise. CONTRIBUTED

Resident Evil's teaching moment

ACTION HORROR

The franchise is a big money maker despite harsh ratings

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Since 2002 Milla Jovovich has played a genetically altered zombie fighter with telekinetic powers in six Resident Evil films.

Like the undead fleshbags who populate these based-on-a-videogame movies, you can't seem to kill this franchise, although the title of this weekend's Resident Evil: The Final Chapter seems to indicate the end is near.

But just because the Resident Evil movies aren't Shakespeare doesn't mean we can't learn something from them. Here's what I took away from Jovovich and Company in the last thirteen years:

1. The undead have really, really bad aim.

2. No matter what stunt she has just performed, whether it's plummeting nineteen stories down an abandoned mine shaft, or battling legions of bad guys, Mila's hair will, at most, only look slightly tousled, as if Vidal Sassoon had just finished running his magic fingers through her locks.

3. The amount of rainfall in the future makes Vancouver look arid.

4. To act in one of these movies you must perfect one of two facial expressions: a. steely determination, or b. uncontrolled rage (which can be alternated with a sadistic smile if necessary).

5. Characters will say, "What the hell is going on here?" when it is quite clear what the heck is going on.

6. Most of the people to survive the deadly plague that destroyed most of humanity look like Abercrombie & Fitch pinups.

7. Why take the stairs when you can drive a Rolls Royce down an escalator?

So there you have it — lessons learned.

Despite legendary director Jean-Luc Godard's claim that, "All you need for a movie is a gun and a girl," both of which are amply on display in the Resident Evil movies, they still feel more like a videogame projected on a big screen than a movie.

But who cares what I or other film critics think? These movies have been phenomenally successful and for over a decade have proven to be critic-proof. Roger Ebert placed Resident Evil on his most hated films list in 2005 and called its sequel, "an utterly meaningless waste of time," adding, "Parents: If you encounter teenagers who say they liked this movie, do not let them date your children."

Leonard Maltin added to the pile on calling Resident Evil: Apocalypse "tiresome" while Dark Horizons said the third movie, Afterlife was, "perhaps the first 3D motion picture to simulate the experience of watching paint dry," and yet the splatter flick went on to gross $300 million dollars worldwide.

Critics aside, others in the film biz love the movies. Avatar director James Cameron called Resident Evil his biggest guilty pleasure and the Ontario Media Development Corporation acknowledged the Toronto-shot Afterlife as the most successful production in Canadian feature film history.

Bottom line is that in total, the series has grossed almost $1 billion — a feat recognized by the Guinness World Records Gamer's Edition who called the Resident Evil films "the most successful movie series to be based on a video game," awarding them with the record for Most Live-Action Film Adaptations of a Video Game.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Gold	★★
Trespass Against Us	★★
The Red Turtle	★★★★
Toni Erdmann	★★★★

HOW RATING WORKS

★★★★	SEE IT
★★★	WORTHWHILE
★★	UP TO YOU
★	SKIP IT

NEW RELEASES

Blind Sun and Dearest Sister are creepy good horror films

A still from Dearest Sister, which is streaming now on Shudder. Blind Sun will be available Feb. 9. CONTRIBUTED

Joyce A. Nashawati's pre-apocalyptic film Blind Sun sets xenophobia and alienation against the sunny backdrop of Athens, Greece. Dearest Sister is Mattie Do's story of Laotian lottery ghosts and communication with the dead.

They're two very different films but are bonded by the director's shared love of the horror genre, their global outlook and the streaming source Shudder, which will feature both films exclusively in Canada.

"I always adored genre films and watched them closely," says Nashawati from Tokyo where she is researching her second film. "Films that are not totally subjected to realism; that play with what cinema can do with the imaginary."

Mattie Do, the first female Laotian director to make a full-length feature, was born in Los Angeles, but now lives in a country that didn't even have movie theatres when she moved there in 2010.

She admits "our film growth is rocky," but adds, "people outside may see it as challenging to work in a developing country with no infrastructure. But at the same time, no one here tells me what stories I have to make. When I walk into the Department of Cinema, they know who I am."

A global perspective comes naturally to Nashawati who grew up between Beirut, Accra, Kuwait and Athens.

"My past was very global without being a choice," she says. "Blind Sun was made by someone who is Lebanese, with a French producer; you're watching it in Canada; and we're now talking while I'm in Japan. This is the way things are today. It is exciting. It is interesting that it is (happening) when politics is going the opposite way and closing things."

The pair have very different styles — Do's film is a slow burner, Nashawati's a nightmarish thriller — but both agree modern technology has made it possible for them to turn their wild visions into movies.

Nashawati thinks it has never been easier to make films, even if you're "someone who is outside the circle of filmmaking or someone who isn't from a bourgeois background."

RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO

ON DEMAND

Crime a family affair in outlaw film

As heir to a criminal clan in Trespass Against Us, Michael Fassbender faces a far tougher task than outrunning the law: attempting to break free from the vice-like grip of his father.

The two-time Oscar nominee stars as Chad Cutler, an illiterate outlaw living a nomadic existence with his wife Kelly and their kids in a banged-up trailer in the British countryside.

As Chad seeks to establish a life and sense of normalcy for his family beyond the encampment, his domineering dad Colby wants to ensure his son doesn't upset the established order. The fractious bond between the pair is symbolized onscreen with the matching gold keeper rings worn by Chad and Colby throughout the film.

"In the travelling community, that idea of family and blood — and that concept of blood is thicker than water — I mean, it's multiplied by 100 to what it is in normal communities," Fassbender said.

Fassbender

"Family is everything, and the honour of the family, so it's a very tight grip on Chad.... To break away from it is a big deal, and Colby is the king of the family in a way. Even though Chad is a strong and independently minded man himself, there is that sort of hold on him."

Colby enlists Chad to set out on a massive heist. The caper leads to a high-speed chase and manhunt which intensifies the law-enforcement spotlight on Chad, while he also faces mounting pressures and divided loyalties at home. "(Chad) has his own family, and his concerns at this point in his life is the future of his children and how they're best going to be equipped to handle the world," said Fassbender.

"They need to go to school and integrate to a certain level with the settled community. I think he's smart enough to realize that that's going to be an essential part of their well-being in terms of how they grow up.

"The days of Colby's belief system and what Chad went through as a child, it's changing rapidly. It's no longer the same world. It is that classic dilemma of being tied to his dad, but his priority in life is his kids."

Trespass Against Us will be available on demand beginning Friday, and will play in select theatres in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa and Halifax.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Castaway on a dream

The Red Turtle combines Japanese ghost stories and European narrative

Peter Howell/Torstar News Service

AWESOME AWARDS

This symbol-laden fable by Dutch-British writer/director Michael Dudok de Wit is nominated for an Oscar for best animated feature. He previously won an Academy Award in 2001 for the animated short, Father and Daughter. The stunning, pastel-shaded film is co-produced by Tokyo-based anime giant, Studio Ghibli.

CRUSOE COMPARISON

Entirely wordless, yet saying so much, The Red Turtle begins as a familiar Robinson Crusoe adventure, about a shipwrecked man who washes up on a remote island. His only associates are the birds, crabs and turtles who already call the isle home. He encounters the title reptile while attempting to paddle away from the island.

CRAFTY CHARACTER

He's a resourceful sort, able to forage for food and to fashion rudimentary shelter out of the natural materials at hand — a task that risks death from accident, animal attack or the merciless force of wind and waves. The man also crafts a raft out of the bamboo he painstakingly collects from the island's abundant forests.

A flashy blond in Bre-X gold

INTERVIEW

Even a gaudy hairdo was fine for Bryce Dallas Howard

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

It wasn't until Bryce Dallas Howard saw herself in a crazy permed wig that she truly found her character for the new movie Gold.

"You have to kind of see it to understand who that person is," admitted the 35-year-old star about trying on gaudy hairdos to unearth her character.

"It's a little punny, but that's when I got to try on different versions of her. Eventually we landed on curly-haired, big-boobed and clothes that were a size too tight for her."

Loosely paralleling the Canadian-based Bre-X scandal of the '90s, Gold excavates the account of a flighty prospector (played by a balding, chubby Matthew McConaughey) whose incredible Indonesian gold strike dupes thousands of investors out of millions of dollars — until the fortune isn't what it appears to be.

Playing the obsessed tycoon's whip-smart girlfriend, Howard was shocked to learn the incredible twists of the real swindle.

"My character was invented so it wasn't really something that was a big part of my preparation. Even now I'm learning more details," laughed Howard, of the adaptation that relocates the action from Alberta to Reno, Nev. "It's so bizarre to me that the story that it's based on took place in Canada; it feels like such a specifically American story because this story represents the potentials and evils of capitalism."

Bryce Dallas Howard and Matthew McConaughey in a scene from Gold. SUBMITTED

Howard's own tale is certainly one that has been nothing but blessed by potential.

Having set out in Hollywood in 2004, the daughter of legendary filmmaker Ron Howard may have hit early pay dirt with hits like The Village and Spider-Man 3, but the real treasure has only now arrived by balancing big-budget blockbusters like Jurassic World and quiet personal downtime.

"I'm more excited about stuff I'm getting to do than I've ever been," said Howard, currently preparing for the forthcoming Jurassic World sequel.

"But I've never lost my privacy, never had a massive change in lifestyle. I've been able to be home for long stretches of time with having kids (and) the fact that I've gotten to go back to working again is not something I take for granted."

MOVIES

Netflix changing the game for entertainers

"When I was younger, the gravy train of the movie business drove me bananas," Bryce Dallas Howard said of the changing film scene. "There's like a democratization of entertainment happening with Netflix and the cream rising to the top – it's a great time to be a storyteller."

MOVIE LISTINGS

DOWNTOWN

Carlton Cinema Theatre
20 Carlton St., 416-494-9371
Arrival Fri-Sat 1:25-4-6:45-9:15 Sun 1:25-4-9:15 Mon-Tue 1:25-4-6:45-9:15 Wed 1:25-4-9:15 Thu 1:25-4-6:45-9:15 **The Founder** Fri-Thu 1:30-4:05-6:50-9:35 **Moana** Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05 **Neruda** Fri-Thu 6:50-9:20 **Patriots Day** Fri-Thu 9:25 **Resident Evil: The Final Chapter** Fri 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 Sat 1:30-4:10-6:40-9 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:30 **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story** Fri-Thu 1:3:50-6:45-9:30 **The Room** Sat 11:10 **Sing** Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:40 **Split** Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-6:35-9:15 **xXx: Return of Xander Cage** Fri-Thu 1:35-4:15-6:55-9:25

Scotiabank Theatre
259 Richmond, 416-368-5600
Assassin's Creed Fri-Sun 4:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-10:15; 3D Fri-Thu 1:30-7:30 **Elle** Fri-Sun 9:20 Mon-Tue 9:45 Wed 9:35 Thu 9:45 **Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them** Fri-Sun 3:20 Mon-Tue 3:55 Wed 3:45 Thu 3:55; 3D Fri-Sun 12:20-6:20 Mon-Tue 1-6:50 Wed 12:50-6:40 Thu 1-6:50 **Live by Night** Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:05 **Manchester by the Sea** Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35 Mon-Tue 1-4-7-10:05 Wed 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:55 Thu 1-4-7-10:05 **Nocturnal Animals** Fri 1:40-4:25-7:10-9:50 Sat 4:10-7:10-9:50 Sun 1:40-4:25-7:10-9:50 Mon 1:20-4:05-9:50 Tue-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:10-9:50 **Patriots Day** Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:10 Mon-Tue 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Wed 12:40-3:35-6:50-9:50 Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 **Resident Evil: The Final Chapter** Fri-Thu 4:30; IMAX Fri-Sun 12:10-2:45-5:20-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:45-5:20-7:55-10:30; 3D Fri-Sun 2-7:05-9:50 Mon 1:15-7:05-9:50 Tue-Thu 2-7:05-9:50 **Rings** Thu 7:30-10 **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story** Fri 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35 Sat 4:15-7:15-10:15 Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35 Mon-Tue 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:45 Wed 12:40-3:45-9:50 Thu 12:50-3:45; 3D Fri 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Sat 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sun 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 Mon 1:20-7:15-10:15 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:15-10:15 **Silence** Fri-Thu 2:30-6-9:30 **Split** Fri 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:30 Sat 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:45 Sun 12:50-3:40-6:40-9:30 Mon 12:50-3:40-7-9:50 Tue-Thu 1:10-4-7-9:50 Fri-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:25 **xXx: Return of Xander Cage** Fri-Sun 5:15 Mon-Thu 5:05; 3D Fri-Sun 12:10-2:40-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:30-7:40-10:15

Market Square
80 Front St., 416-494-9371
Gold Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:45-9:30 **Hidden Figures** Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:05-9:50 **La La Land** Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45 **Resident Evil: The Final Chapter** Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:10-10 **Split** Fri-Sat 1:05-3:55-6:55-9:55 Sun-Mon 1:05-6:55 Tue 1:05-3:55-6:55-9:55 Wed 1:05-6:55 Thu 1:05-3:55-6:55-9:55 Sun-Mon 3:55-9:55 Wed 3:55-9:55 **xXx: Return of Xander Cage** Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-6:35-9:15

Varsity
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304
20th Century Women Fri 1:10-4:05-7:15-10:20 Sat 10:30-1:10-4:05-7:15-10:20 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:15-10:20 **Fences** Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 **Hidden Figures** Fri 1:45-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sat 10:50-1:45-4:40-7:35-10:30 Sun-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:35-10:30 **Jackie** Fri-Thu 1:50-4:55-7:40-10:25 **La La Land** Fri-Thu 12:20-3:45-7:05-10:20 Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35 Sat 10:45 **Lion** Fri 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15 Sat 10:30-1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15 **Manchester by the Sea** Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:40-10 Mon-Thu 12:20-3:35-6:40-10 Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10:05 **Moonlight** Fri 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:40 Sat 10:30-1:05-3:55-6:45-9:40 Sun-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:40 **Silence** Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30 Fri-Thu 2-5:40-9:05

Yonge & Dundas 24
10 Dundas St, 416-977-2642
20th Century Women Fri 2:30-5:15-8-10:45 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:35-6:20-9:05 Mon-Thu 7:50-10:35 **Arrival** Fri 1:15-4:05-6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:25 Mon 9:50 Tue-Wed 7-9:55 Thu 10:10 **Buddies in India** Fri-Tue 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 Wed 12:50-3:25-10:45 Thu 12:20-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 **A Dog's Purpose** Fri 1:50-4:30-7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:50-4:30-7:10-9:45 Mon-Wed 1:20-3:50-7:10-9:45 Thu 3:50-7:10-9:45 **The Founder** Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-10:10 **Gold** Fri 1:20-4:20-7:10-10:20 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:20 Mon-Wed 1:20-4:05-7:10-10:20 Thu 4:05-7:10-10:20 **Hell or High Water** Sat 9:30 Tue 9:30 **Hidden Figures** Fri 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:10-7-10 **Kaabil** Fri 1:30-4:35-7:40-10:50 Sat-Sun 12-3:25-6:50-10:15 Mon-Wed 1:30-4:40-6:50-10:15 Thu 1:30-4:40-7-10:15 **The King** Fri-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:50 **Kung Fu Yoga** Fri 1:55-4:40-7:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:55-4:40-7:30-10:15 Mon 1:15-3:50-7-10:35 Tue-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:30-10:15 **La La Land** Fri-Sun 12-3-6-9 Mon 12-3-10:25 Tue-Thu 12-3-6-9; IMAX Fri 2:10-5:05-8-10:55 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:10-5:05-8-10:55 Mon-Thu 2:10-5:05-8-10:55 **Lion** Fri 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:25-3:30-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:50 **Moana** Fri-Sun 4:40; 3D Fri-Sun 7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 7:45-10:25; Sing-Along Fri 2 Sat-Sun 11:25-2 **Passengers** Fri 4 Sat-Sun 3:35; 3D Fri 1:15-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-6:20-9:05 Mon-Wed 6:20-9:05 **Raees** Fri 1:15-4:30-7:45-11 Sat-Sun 12-3:20-6:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:45-6:40-10:05 **Resident Evil: The Final Chapter** Fri-Sun 5:30 Mon 4:30 Tue 5:30 Wed-Thu 4:30; 3D Fri-Sun 12-2:45-8:15-11 Mon 1:30-7:30-10:40 Tue 12-2:45-8:15-11 Wed-Thu 1:30-7:30-10:30 **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story** Fri-Sun 4:05 Mon 3:50 Tue 4:05 Wed-Thu 3:50; 3D Fri-Sun 12:55-7:30-10:40 Mon 12:45-7-10:10 Tue 12:55-7:30-10:40 Wed-Thu 12:45-7-10:10 **Sing** Fri-Sun 2:30-7:40 Mon-Thu 7:40; 3D Fri 5:05-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:50-5:05-10:25 Mon-Thu 10:25 **The Space Between Us** Thu 7-9:45 **Split** Fri-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Mon 1-4-6:50-9:40 Tue 1:30-4:20-7:10-10 Wed-Thu 1-4-6:50-9:50 **Trespass Against Us** Fri 4-9:30 Sat 1-7 Sun 3:30-9:30 Mon 4:20-9:30 Tue 2-7 Wed 4-9:30 Thu 2 **Where the Universe Sings: The Spiritual Journey of Lawren Harris** Fri 1:30-7 Sat 4:30 Sun 7 Mon 2-7 Tue 4:30 Wed 1:30-7 Thu 4:30 **xXx: Return of Xander Cage 3D** Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon 12:30-3:30-6:10-9 Tue 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Wed-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:20-9:30 Fri-Thu 12:05-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30

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2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236
A Dog's Purpose Fri 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat 11:05-11:50-2:30-5-7:40-10:10 Sun 12-2:30-5-7:40-10:10 Mon-Tue 2:20-4:50-7:15-9:50 Wed 4:50-7:15-9:50 Thu 2:20-4:50-7:15-9:50 **Ghostbusters** Sat 11 **Gold** Fri-Sat 1:35-4:30-7:25-10:15 Sun 1:35-4:30-7:20-10:05 Mon-Tue 1:35-4:30-7:20-10:10 Wed 4:30-7:20-10:10 Thu 1:35-4:30-7:20-10:10 Fri 4-7-10 Sat 1-4-7-10 Sun 1-4-7-9:50 Mon-Wed 4-7-9:50 Thu 4:20-7:05-9:50 **Hidden Figures** Fri-Sat 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:05 Sun 3:30-6:30-9:35 Mon-Wed 1:30-4:20-7:10-10:05 Thu 1:20-4:05-9:30 **La La Land** Fri 1:40-4:35-7:30-10:25 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15 Fri 3:30-6:30-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:35 Mon-Wed 3:30-6:30-9:35 Thu 6:30-9:35 **Resident Evil: The Final Chapter** Fri-Sat 5:20 Sun 5:10 Mon-Thu 4:55; 3D Fri 2:45-7:55-10:30 Sat 12-2:45-7:55-10:30 Sun 12-2:35-7:45-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:20-7:35-10:10 **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story** Fri-Sat 1:30-7:20 Sun 12:45-6:55 Mon-Thu 1:30-7:20; 3D Fri-Sat 4:25-10:20 Sun 3:45-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-10:15 **Sing** Fri 1:35-4:10 Sat 11:10-1:40-4:15 Sun 1:40-4:15 Mon-Thu 1:35-4:10; 3D Fri-Wed 6:50-9:30 Thu 6:50 **Split** Fri 2:10-4:55-7:45-10:25 Sat 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:45-10:25 Sun 1:15-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:25-7:05-9:55 **xXx: Return of Xander Cage** Fri-Sat 5:25 Sun 5:15 Mon-Thu 5; 3D Fri 2:50-8-10:30 Sat 12:15-2:50-8-10:30 Sun 12:05-2:40-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:30-7:30-10 Fri 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:15 Mon-Wed 4:30-7:30-10:15 Thu 4-7:30-10:15

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The Founder Fri 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:15 Sat 1-4:20-7:30-10:15 Sun 12:40-4:20-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10 **Gold** Fri 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:10 Mon-Wed 4:20-7:15-10:05 Thu 3:40-6:55-10:20 **Hidden Figures** Fri 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Wed 3:40-6:40-9:35 Thu 3:45-6:40-9:35 **The King** Fri 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:50 Mon 3:40-6:40-9:45 Tue 3:30-6:40-9:50 Wed-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:45 **La La Land** Fri 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-10:15 **Lion** Fri 1-4-6:50-9:45 Sat 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:40 Sun 3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon 4-6:55-9:40 Tue 4-6:55-9:45 Wed 4-6:55-9:40 Thu 4-9:40 **Moonlight** Fri 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:25 Mon-Wed 4:40-7:40-10:20 Thu 4:40-7:40 **Resident Evil: The Final Chapter IMAX** Fri 2-5-7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:35-10:20 **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story** Fri 12:50-7 Sat-Sun 12:30-6:55 Mon-Thu 6:50; 3D Fri 3:50-10:05 Sat-Sun 3:40-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-9:55 **xXx: Return of Xander Cage** Fri 4:50 Sat-Sun 5:10 Mon-Thu 4:50; 3D Fri 1:50-7:55-10:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:35-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:25-10:10

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3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456
A Dog's Purpose Fri-Sat 12-2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15 Sun 11:45-2:15-4:50-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 2-4:40-7:30-10:10 **Ghostbusters** Sat 11 **Hidden Figures** Fri-Sat 1-4-7-10 Sun 12:45-4-7-10 Mon-Thu 12:50-4-7-10 **La La Land** Fri-Sat 12:45-3:50-7-10:05 Sun 12:15-3:30-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:40 **Moana** Fri-Sat 4:20 Sun 4:30 Mon-Thu 4:10; Sing-Along Fri-Thu 1:30 **Monster Trucks** Fri 4:50 Sat 4:45 Sun 4:20 Mon-Thu 3:50; 3D Fri 2:15-7:30-10:10 Sat 11:30-2-7:30-10:10 Sun 1:45-7-9:40 Mon-Wed 1-6:50-9:30 Thu 1 **Passengers** Fri-Sat 7:30-10:25 Sun 7:30-10:15 Mon-Wed 7-9:50 **Resident Evil: The Final Chapter** Fri-Sat 5:25 Sun 5:10 Mon-Thu 4:50; 3D Fri-Sat 12:15-2:50-8-10:40 Sun 12-2:30-7:45-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:15-7:40-10:15 **Rings** Thu 7:30-10:10 **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story** Fri-Sun 12:30-6:50 Mon-Thu 12:40-6:50; 3D Fri-Sun 3:40-10 Mon-Thu 3:40-9:55 **Sing** Fri 1:45-4:30 Sat 11:10-1:45-4:30 Sun-Thu 1-3:50; 7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-10 **Gold** Fri 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:10 Mon-Wed 4:20-7:15-10:05 Thu 3:40-6:55-10:20 **Hidden Figures** Fri 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Wed 3:40-6:40-9:35 Thu 3:45-6:40-9:35 **The King** Fri 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:50 Mon 3:40-6:40-9:45 Tue 3:30-6:40-9:50 Wed-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:45 **La La Land** Fri 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-7:10-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-10:15 **Lion** Fri 1-4-6:50-9:45 Sat 12:40-3:50-6:45-9:40 Sun 3:50-6:45-9:40 Mon 4-6:55-9:40 Tue 4-6:55-9:45 Wed 4-6:55-9:40 Thu 4-9:40 **Moonlight** Fri 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:25 Mon-Wed 4:40-7:40-10:20 Thu 4:40-7:40 **Resident Evil: The Final Chapter IMAX** Fri 2-5-7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:40-5:15-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:55-7:35-10:20 **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story** Fri 12:50-7 Sat-Sun 12:30-6:55 Mon-Thu 6:50; 3D Fri 3:50-10:05 Sat-Sun 3:40-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-9:55 **xXx: Return of Xander Cage** Fri 4:50 Sat-Sun 5:10 Mon-Thu 4:50; 3D Fri 1:50-7:55-10:30 Sat-Sun 12-2:35-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 7:25-10:10

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All showtimes run between Friday, Jan. 27 and Thursday, Feb. 2.

Shia's under arrest

ACTIVISM

Police say actor assaulted man on live online camera

Actor Shia LaBeouf was arrested early Thursday after he allegedly got into an altercation with another man outside a New York City museum where he has been chanting "He will not divide us" in front of a live camera since Donald Trump's inauguration.

Police said LaBeouf pulled the scarf of an unidentified 25-year-old man outside the Museum of the Moving Image in Queens, scratching his face in the process. They said he also pushed the man, who refused medical attention.

LaBeouf has spent the first few days of Trump's presidency swaying, dancing and repeating the phrase "He will not divide us" in front of a live camera outside the museum. The livestream is for a participatory public art project LaBeouf and two collaborators intend to have running 24 hours a day for the next four years.

The camera went live the morning of the inauguration, along with a website inviting the public to show up and participate. LeBeouf has been a frequent, though not constant presence.

"We're anti-division out here. Everyone's invited," LaBeouf said. "I'm just saying, 'Be nice to each other.'"

It's not immediately known what led to the alleged altercation Thursday morning.

LaBeouf faces a misdemeanour assault charge.

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Shia LeBoeuf. AP PHOTO

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5 ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCES TO HAVE IN ECUADOR

With four distinct eco-systems, Ecuador is more than just a jumping-off point for the Galapagos. Exploring the interior delivers Andes mountain magic and Amazon jungle surprises. You can visit Ecuador all year round. January to May are the warmest months, but also the wettest. June to December tends to be cooler, and crowds are rare. **DOUG WALLACE/FOR METRO**

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1 Explore the capital

Quito is a series of mini-neighbourhoods, each with a different essence and identity. Old Town brims with historic buildings, churches and museums. La Marsical comes alive at five, with young locals and tourists spilling out of the bars and restaurants near Plaza Foch. Head over to Calle de la Ronda for an authentic Ecuadorian snack and a happy-hour two-for-one. Cabs cost next to nothing, so you can skip the too-busy bus.

JODI BERNSTEIN/FOR METRO

2 Get sporty

Adventure sports abound in Baños in south-central Ecuador, a relaxing spa town best known for its paragliding, canyoneering and zip lining, as well as its picturesque parks, hilltop hikes and calming waters. Spring for a massage at one of the spas or pop into the local mineral baths for $2, and do the hot-and-cold healing-water circuit.

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3 Hit the highlands

A trip up the winding highways to the highlands nets you volcanic vistas, indigenous realism and misty forest. The city of Otavalo, in a lake region known for its textiles, has the largest outdoor market in South America, with row after row of stalls selling crafts and souvenirs. Spend a night at 200-year-old Hacienda Pinsaqui nearby, and enjoy a canelazo in the legendary bar — a spiked cinnamon tea.

TOURS

G Adventures offers a nine-day Ecuador tour every month throughout 2017 as part of its National Geographic Journeys adventure series.

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4 Journey to the jungle

Journey into the jungle for a night or three at one of the remote lodges in and around Yasuni National Park, accessible only by motorized canoe. You get the full rainforest effect communing with monkeys, fishing for piranha, scanning treetops for rare birds, and watching parrots play along the clay riverbanks. Local community visits yield eye-opening simplicity, a vibrant culture and warm hospitality.

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5 Eat local

Traditional Ecuadorian food is plentiful, reasonably priced and delicious, particularly the barbecue. Fresh fish, fried chicken and churrasco beef dishes are dolled up with a variety of homestyle hot sauces, patatas fritas, flavoured rice or deep-fried plantain. Steer clear of the street food, as your stomach may not react as positively as your eyes, but do step outside the taste-bud box and experience some of the authentic delicacies. **Doug Wallace's trip was sponsored by GAdventures.com, which did not approve or review this story.**

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Chinese New Year, a union of traditions

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Multicultural families put a unique spin on festivities

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Yaz Maziar, centre, his wife, Heslie Chua, and their 4-year-old son, Cameron, celebrate Chinese New Year with traditional cuisine. JON NICHOLLS

More than one million Canadian residents identify themselves as being of Chinese heritage, according to Statistics Canada. Of the more than 350,000 couples in that group, nearly 20 per cent report being in cross-cultural unions, in which both partners are from different cultural or ethnic backgrounds. This means more and more multicultural families are celebrating Chinese New Year and putting their unique spin on the festivities.

For Yaz Maziar and his wife, Heslie Chua, the holiday is all about gathering together with their family over a good meal. Chua was born in Fujian (Fukien) province in China but grew up in Vancouver, and Chinese New Year has always been an important annual ritual. The couple sticks with traditional Chinese New Year foods but mixes up where they celebrate. Some years, they enjoy a Chinese buffet at a restaurant. This offers something delicious for everyone, including Maziar's parents, who hail from Iran, and the couple's 4-year-old son, Cameron. "We make it a point to go out to a Chinese restaurant so we're in that environment," Maziar says. "Our little guy gets to eat whatever he likes, and my parents love Chinese food."

This year, the couple has happily accepted an invitation from Chua's aunt in Toronto, who will host a family meal that includes symbolic Chinese New Year dishes. To ensure long life, the family digs in to e-fu noodles (Cantonese-style egg noodles) stir-fried with mushrooms and chives. For prosperity, they enjoy whole fish steamed with green onions, cilantro, ginger and soy sauce, and sweet rice cakes that have been dipped in an egg batter and pan-fried. "The food transcends everything and brings people together," says Maziar.

Meanwhile, Irene Fong; her husband, Sean Grattan; and their infant daughter, Penny, will be making the trek back to Ottawa, where Fong grew up. Fong's parents, originally from Hong Kong, have close ties to their native culture. They celebrate the New Year with a variety foods — including roast pork, roast duck, steamed whole fish and broth-style soup — many of which symbolize good health, wealth and happiness.

Typically, Fong's aunts and uncles host the feast. Fong, now a chef, remembers liking most everything as a child, including dishes that seemed strange to her and her cousins, who were all born in Canada. "There were specific Chinese New Year foods that, to a kid, were kind-of yucky," she says with a laugh. "And I was the only kid who liked them." The family still tucks into traditional hair vegetable, a type of algae eaten for prosperity, and lotus root for abundance. She also looks forward to sea cucumber braised with black Chinese mushrooms in a thick, savoury sauce.

Fong says the family's menus have evolved to accommodate changing tastes and to welcome non-Chinese members of the family, such as Grattan. She remembers butter tarts showing up for dessert one year, and a simple noodle dish — representing long life — dressed up with kid-friendly beef and broccoli. "Chinese New Year is kind-of like Christmas in Canada," she says. "Everyone celebrates their own way, and there are no hard-and-fast rules."

Take celebrations out on the town

Whether a night of high-energy performance fits your fancy or pleasant daytime tastings of fine teas and exquisitely prepared finger sandwiches are more your style, Chinese New Year events across the GTA give everyone the chance to experience a bounty of rich, cultural Chinese traditions.

The 15-day celebration begins Jan. 28 and will see Toronto come alive with sleek, black-tie galas, Chinese-inspired menus, and plenty of free family fun to help ring in the Year of the Rooster.

High Tea
- When: Until Feb. 5, daily from 2 to 5 p.m.
- Where: Shangri-La Hotel, 188 University Ave.
- Cost: $61 per person (includes a glass of prosecco), shangri-la.com
- Take the taste buds on a delicious — and delectable — journey at the stunning Shangri-La Hotel in downtown Toronto. The hotel hosts an ambitious Chinese New Year High Tea menu.

Toronto Symphony Orchestra
- When: Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.
- Where: Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe St.
- Tickets: $39.75 and up, tso.ca
- The TSO celebrates the Year of the Rooster with a festive program led by Long Yu, the artistic director of the China Philharmonic Orchestra and music director of the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra.

Yee Hong Dragon Ball
- When: Jan. 28 (Reception at 5:45 p.m., gala dinner at 7 p.m.)
- Where: Allstream Centre, Exhibition Place, 105 Princes' Blvd.
- Tickets: Starting at $480 (supporter ticket) or $4,800 (supporter table of 10), yeehongdragonball.org
- Time to don your festive best at this grand, black tie affair. Expect sumptuous, chef-mastered dishes, top notch entertainment and live auctions at the annual crowd-pleasing Ball. The event benefits the Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation, which provides care to seniors across the GTA.

HKCBA Toronto Chinese New Year Ball
- When: Feb. 4 (Reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m.)
- Where: Hilton Suites, Markham, 8500 Warden Ave.
- Tickets: $250 (individual ticket) or $2,500 (table of 10), toronto.hkcba.com
- Sip champagne, nibble on dim sum, play Chinese Games and watch a traditional lion dance at the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association's annual soiree.

LunarFest
- When: Feb. 4 and 5, noon – 6 p.m.
- Where: Metro Hall, 55 John St.
- Cost: Free, lunarfest.org
- What began in 2009 at the Vancouver Winter Olympics to celebrate contemporary Asian arts and culture has continued on, expanding to Toronto in 2012. This year, join the Olympic-inspired fun by taking part in the LunarFest Rooster Winter Games and rooster-themed craft workshops.

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Predictions for 2017, according to the Chinese zodiac

Paul Ng

ROOSTER — 1993, 1981, 1969, 1957, 1945, 1933
Although this is your year, it usually means conflicts. Despite this, as long as you don't gamble, your finances will be good. Your authority will improve, as will your romances. **WORK:** You favour businesses to do with authority and inter-people relations. You are good at sales and marketing. Other favourable sectors are politics, policing and the army. Spiritual endeavours such as religions and philosophy are also good. **RELATIONS:** You will have plenty of romances. If you are single, you should enjoy your relations. If you are married, beware of extramarital relations. You will have many friends, some of whom should help you succeed.

DOG — 1994, 1982, 1970, 1958, 1946, 1934
You year is full of conflicts against people and in relationships. You should not consider marriage. But your finances are good. **WORK:** You favour businesses in which you have authority, but not public relations. Jobs such as the army, police, and politics may be good for you. Scientific research, creative arts or architecture are also favourable. **RELATIONS:** Your relationships are unstable. Couples tend to disagree and argue. You should take a step back and enjoy peace.

PIG (BOAR) — 1995, 1983, 1971, 1959, 1947, 1935
This is a lucky year for you. Despite several undesirable events, you remain unscathed. With a strong travel sign, you will either move or take a trip. Beware of the health of elderly family members. **WORK:** You favour business in industries including mobility, logistics, transportation, travel, and automobiles. Trading, sales and marketing are also good choices. **RELATIONS:** You may suffer from loneliness. You tend to become more spiritual in your endeavours.

RAT — 1996, 1984, 1972, 1960, 1948, 1936
This is a "breaking point" year for you. Work will take extra effort. Relations with people are weak. However, you're learning sign is strong causing you to be smart and swift. **WORK:** You favour work to do with education and analysis, such as teaching, computers, and research. You also do well in work related to marriage, banquets and performance. **RELATIONS:** Beware of negative relationships. This is not a good year for you to marry. Be patient with your sweetheart.

OX — 1997 1985 1973 1961 1949 1937
For you, this year will be a very favourable one. Nonetheless, there will be jealousy from others. **WORK:** You favour work that deals with blood, such as a surgeon, dentist or butcher. Your strong arts sign makes you favour design, painting, music or architecture. You may also be attracted to a business partnership this year. **RELATIONS:** You will have very good relationships and you favour public relations work. If you are single, consider marriage. If you are already married, be extra loving to your spouse.

TIGER — 1998, 1986, 1974, 1962, 1950, 1938
It's a lucky year for you. You will be spiritual. Most things you do will require extra efforts to be achieved. **WORK:** You favour work dealing with people, such as sales and marketing. Spiritual endeavours are also good for you, such as a preacher, philosopher, or writer. **RELATIONS**: External relations tend to be better than internal ones. You will have more friends than enemies.

RABBIT — 1999, 1987, 1975, 1963, 1951, 1939
It is an opposite and adverse year for you. You will lose money and be prone to accidents. Refrain from gambling. Beware of conflicts with people. **WORK:** You should refrain from speculative work, such as gambling and stock markets. You favour work that deals with blood, such as a surgeon, butcher, or soldier. **RELATIONS:** Your relationships may be quite turbulent. Be more forgiving. Resist being stubborn.

DRAGON — 2000, 1988, 1976, 1964, 1952, 1940
Plenty of luck and help will come your way. Both wealth and authority will increase. Your relations with people are also good. This is the year to move ahead. **WORK:** You favour being in authority and human resources. Spiritualism may also lead you to work as a preacher, philosopher or writer. You also favour the political and education sectors. **RELATIONS:** This is also a good year to have children.

SNAKE —2001, 1989, 1977, 1965, 1953, 1941
This is a powerful year for you full of opportunity and monetary success. But success will come through your own initiative and efforts. **WORK:** You favour speculative businesses, such as the stock market. You work well with people. Hence, sales and marketing are good career choices. A promotion may be on the horizon. You may start a new business or expand the one you own. **RELATIONS:** You will have excellent people relations this year.

HORSE —2002, 1990, 1978, 1966, 1954, 1942, 1930
You tend to run into controversies and arguments. You have plenty of romances and helpful signs to counteract the negativities. **WORK:** You favour business to do with breaking, such as demolition, renovation, and mining. You would also do well as a public speaker, lawyer, soldier or police officer. Public relations suits you as well. **RELATIONS**: This may not be a good year to get married.

GOAT (SHEEP) — 2003, 1991, 1979, 1967, 1955, 1943, 1931
A strong travel sign will encourage you to take more trips or participate in trading. **WORK:** You favour work that deals with blood, such as a surgeon, dentist, butcher, or soldier. You will also do well in mobile businesses such as logistics, transportation or travel. **RELATIONS:** You are occupied by a loneliness sign. Romance will dwindle this year.

MONKEY — 2004, 1992, 1980, 1968, 1956, 1944, 1932
Monkeys may see monetary improvement. An illness sign may make you prone to colds and flu. **WORK:** You are drawn towards the healing sector, such as medicine or pharmacy. Business and finance management are also good choices. **RELATIONS:** Your love life is unstable.

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NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION AND SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING

RCMP GENDER HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION CLASS ACTION

If you are a female or identified as a female and were an RCMP Regular Member (for purposes of this Proposed Settlement includes Regular Members, Special Constables, Cadets, Auxiliary Constables, Special Constable Members, and Reserve Members), Civilian Member or Public Service Employee (for purposes of this Proposed Settlement includes Temporary Civilian Employees) working within the RCMP, this notice may affect your legal rights. Please read it carefully.

Class action lawsuits were initiated alleging gender based harassment and discrimination within the RCMP. The Defendants, while not admitting liability, have agreed to a settlement of these lawsuits. A federal court class action has been certified on consent, conditional on court approval of the settlement.

Who is Eligible for the Proposed Settlement?

To be eligible to participate in the settlement, you must be a member of the class. The class is defined as:

Primary Class Members: female current and former living Regular Members, Civilian Members and Public Service Employees (who are appointed by the Commissioner of the RCMP under the delegated authority of the Public Service Commission pursuant to the Public Service Employment Act, R.S.C., 1985, c. P-32; amended S.C. 2003, c. 22, ss.12, 13) who worked within the RCMP during the Class Period who experienced and/or continue to experience gender and sexual orientation based harassment and discrimination while working in the RCMP during the Class Period, and who have not opted out or are not deemed to have opted out of the Class Action on or before the expiry of the Opt Out Period.

For the purposes of this Agreement "**Regular Members**" includes Regular Members, Special Constables, Cadets, Auxiliary Constables, Special Constable Members, and Reserve Members

For the purposes of this Agreement "**Public Service Employees**" includes Temporary Civilian Employees who, prior to 2014 were appointed under the now-repealed subsection 10(2) of the RCMP Act, R.S.C., 1985, c. R-10;

Secondary Class Members: All persons who have a derivative claim in accordance with applicable family law legislation arising from a family relationship with a member of the Primary Class.

If you **do not** wish to participate in the class action, you must deliver a signed Opt-Out Form to Class Counsel received or postmarked no later than March 29, 2017. If you do not exclude yourself by that date, you will be included in this lawsuit and will be bound by the court's judgement on the settlement. The Opt-Out Form can be obtained from Class Counsel at the address below. It is also available on Class Counsel's websites.

If you have an ongoing lawsuit with respect to gender or sexual orientation based harassment or discrimination in the RCMP, and you wish to participate in the proposed class action settlement, you must discontinue your lawsuit before March 29, 2017. If you do not, you will be deemed by s. 334.21(2) of the Federal Court Rules, SOR/98-106 to have opted out of the class action. Please contact your lawyer to discuss your options.

The Terms of the Proposed Settlement

The settlement contains numerous change initiatives directed at eliminating workplace harassment and discrimination in the RCMP. The settlement also provides compensation for members of the Primary Class who experienced gender or sexual orientation based harassment or discrimination while working in the RCMP during the Class Period. Compensation is available for Secondary Class Members where the Primary Class Member's Claim is assessed at either of the two highest severity levels.

You can obtain a copy of the settlement agreement and the applicable schedules by contacting Class Counsel at the address below. These documents are also available on Class Counsel's websites.

The Approval Hearing and Your Right to Participate

A motion to approve the settlement is scheduled to be heard on May 24, 2017 at 9:30 am at the Federal Court of Canada, Trial Division, in Toronto. Class Counsel will also ask the court to approve an award of fees and disbursements for their work in achieving the settlement.

If you agree with the proposed settlement, you do not have to do anything at this time. If the court approves the settlement, a notice will be published setting out the procedures for submitting a Claim.

If you disagree with the proposed settlement, you have the right to object. You may do so by delivering a letter to Class Counsel in advance of the hearing, which Class Counsel will then provide to the court. In your letter, you should provide your name, contact information, and a brief statement of the nature and reasons for your objection.

What are the Financial Consequences?

If the settlement is approved by the court and you have not opted out of the class action prior to the opt-out deadline, you will be bound by the terms of the settlement.

The defendants have agreed to pay Class Counsel's disbursements and are making a contribution toward class counsel fees. Class Counsel will request a further class counsel fee of 15% plus applicable sales tax payable from the compensation awarded to class members under the settlement. The award of class counsel fees is subject to court approval.

For More Information

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Ready for his close-up

NHL

Matthews set to mingle with hockey's best in La La Land

It sounds as if Auston Matthews has a to-do list for Los Angeles this weekend.

While the rest of his teammates head home, or somewhere, for a three-day break, Matthews will be the Toronto Maple Leafs' representative at the all-star game.

He has things to do, and people to meet.

"I haven't met (Patrick) Kane, or a number of guys," said Matthews. "I met (Sidney) Crosby. I did a thing with (Jonathan) Toews in the summer. There's plenty of guys I'm looking forward to meeting.

"The NHL 100 is going to be pretty fun."

All-star festivities kick off Friday, with the NHL announcing the 100 best players of the last 100 years in what is the league's centennial season. The skills competition is on Saturday, the 3-on-3 games are Sunday.

"He's going enjoy it and have fun," said Leafs forward Leo Komarov, the Leafs' representative last year. "It was good. It was a little bit busy. Good memories for me.

"We're happy for (Matthews). We all know it's going to be a hard one for him. A long flight for just a couple of days."

The Leafs have tried to get under the skin of Matthews, jokingly, about a mere rookie representing the team. None have succeeded.

"I keep forgetting he's going," forward Matt Martin said. "I asked him about 10 times what he's going to do for the break and he looks at me like, 'What are you talking about?'

"He's a special player and deserves to be there. The way he's taken the league by storm is really impressive, but at the same time at 19 years old to stay as humble and grounded as he has in this market is pretty incredible.

"I don't know if I'd be the exact same way. He's an impressive player. You can tell he's got those leadership qualities. At the end of the day, he just wants to be the best. He stays humble and grounded throughout all of it."

The argument could be made that Mitch Marner should be there, too. He and Matthews seem to be pushing each other to be better. They have their own little game of leapfrog going in the scoring race, both for the team lead and among league rookies.

"I think we drive each other a lot," Matthews said. "This is a core group going forward. We want to be together a long time, we want to win, we want to continue to get better every day. We're a pretty close group, us young guys."

Remarkably, Matthews and Marner don't even play on the same line, showing just how deep the team is at forward. With eight rookies in the lineup — each contributing in major ways — the team's rookie records are sure to be obliterated.

"We're starting to learn the systems of coach Babcock, and the older guys have been there to help us out a lot and make sure if we have any questions they're there for it," Marner said. "That's why we've been successful lately. Everyone is bonding really closely and we're all getting the systems down and getting better in that way."

Marner is not jealous that Matthews got chosen over him.

"He's going to have a lot of fun down there," Marner said. "L.A. is a great place. He's going to meet a lot of guys. I get a couple of days off. Relax. Take care of yourself and spend time with family. It's a win-win situation."

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Maple Leafs centre Auston Matthews skates past Matt Read the Flyers on Thursday night at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia. The Leafs fell 2-1. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

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Auston Matthews (23 G, 16 A), Mitch Marner (11 G, 28 A) and James van Riemsdyk (17 G, 22 A) are tied at 39 for the Leafs' points lead.

FLYERS 2 LEAFS 1

Roman Lyubimov scored late in the third period to lift the Flyers to their third straight win, 2-1 over the Maple Leafs on Thursday night in Philadelphia.

Wayne Simmonds also scored to help the Flyers who jumped the Maple Leafs in points (56-55). The Leafs fell out of the playoff places with the loss.

William Nylander scored for the Leafs in their first road loss since Nov. 30 at Calgary. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLS

Giovinco addresses rumours

Sebastian Giovinco did not sway from his personal party line — that he is happy at Toronto FC — as he addressed rumours of interest from the Chinese Super League for the first time Thursday.

The striker, who turned 30 Thursday, has been the subject of much talk since returning to the city for the team's training camp this week, thanks largely to his agent Andrea D'Amico's claims that Giovinco has received an "important offer" from a club in China and caught the eye of at least one more CSL organization.

Giovinco told Sky Sports Italia he is aware he has drawn attention from China, and possibly offers worth more than the approximately $7 million US per season he earns at TFC.

"They told me there is interest, so we'll talk it over with Toronto and see. I am happy here, but we'll see what the club wants to do," Giovinco said, according to the Football Italia website. "My agent told me there is an offer, but did not tell me which club."

Giovinco also denied he was looking at a move back to his native Italy.

Toronto FC maintained Thursday that nobody has contacted the club over D'Amico's claims. Giovinco is entering the third year of a five-year deal in MLS; there is also a club option for an additional year in 2020.

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NBA

Lowry in for all-star

Kyle Lowry will once again join teammate DeMar DeRozan as an all-star, this time in New Orleans.

The Raptors star point guard Lowry was among 14 reserves selected by the league's coaches on Thursday night for the Feb. 19 game.

In a reverse from last year in Toronto, DeRozan is in the starting five while Lowry will come off the bench.

The other Eastern Conference reserves are Indiana's Paul George, Cleveland's Kevin Love, Atlanta's Paul Millsap, Boston's Isaiah Thomas, Washington's John Wall and Charlotte's Kemba Walker, who is going for the first time.

Russell Westbrook, Klay Thompson, Draymond Green, DeMarcus Cousins, Marc Gasol, DeAndre Jordan and Gordon Hayward were named the West reserves Thursday.

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IN BRIEF

Hadwin keeps up hot pace

Canada's Adam Hadwin, who shot 59 last week in the California desert, shot a 66 in the opening round of the Farmer's Insurance on Thursday in San Diego.

"I don't want to say it was as good as a 59, but it was pretty darn good," B.C.'s Hadwin said.

Justin Rose set the early pace with a 7-under 65 on at Torrey Pines.

Tiger Woods shot a 4-over 76 in his first PGA Tour competition in 17 months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENGLISH LEAGUE CUP

United eye Wembley after taming Tigers

Manchester United reached the English League Cup final despite surrendering its 17-match unbeaten record with a 2-1 loss to Hull in the second leg of their semifinal on Thursday.

United, which won the first leg 2-0, advanced with a 3-2 win on aggregate and will play Southampton in the final at Wembley Stadium on Feb. 26.

On-loan striker Oumar Niasse scored the consolation winner with an 85th-minute tap-in.

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Tom Huddlestone gave the hosts the lead at KCOM Stadium by converting a 35th-minute penalty, awarded for Marcos Rojo's tug on Harry Maguire at a corner. Paul Pogba equalized from close range in the 66th, a bright spot in an otherwise disappointing display by the France midfielder.

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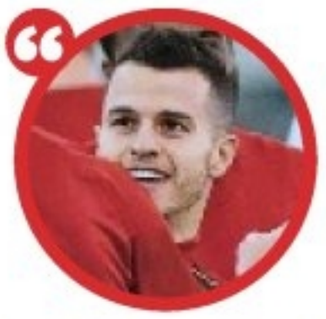
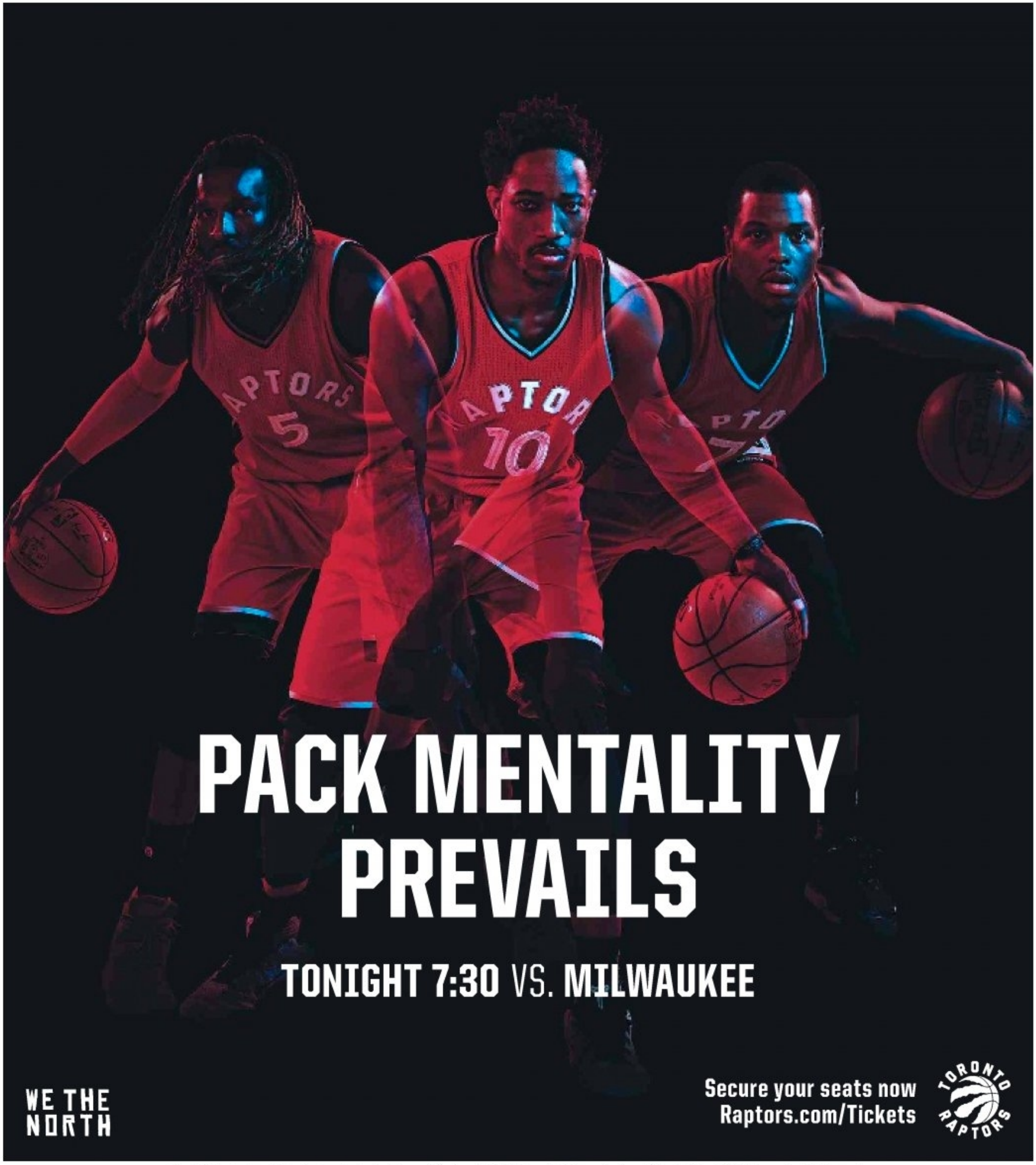


"It's true, in the past there was interest from Barcelona, but I'd have been a ball boy (behind Lionel Messi, Neymar and Luis Suarez).

This isn't the first time Giovinco has drawn interest from overseas.



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Sister act return to the biggest stage

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Serena, Venus in celebratory mood ahead of women's final

Win or lose, Serena Williams sees another all-sister final at the Australian Open as cause for celebration.

The 35-year-old Williams arrived in Australia bidding for a 23rd Grand Slam title, aiming to break the Open-era record she shares with Steffi Graf. By winning, she'd also regain the No. 1 ranking she lost after her U.S. Open semifinal exit.

She doesn't enjoy the suspense, or talk about the number. Her older sister, Venus, knows that better than anyone after their two decades of competing together in majors.

Now the 36-year-old Venus is the potential roadblock, back in a major final for the first time since she lost the previous all-Williams Grand Slam final at Wimbledon in 2009.

"I just feel like no matter what happens, we've won," Serena said. "A Williams is going to win this tournament."

Venus hasn't added to her seven major titles since Wimbledon in 2008, but is in her best form since being diagnosed with energy-sapping Sjogren's syndrome in 2011.

In fact, she was the first Williams into the 2017 final, rallying to beat 25-year-old CoCo Vandeweghe — the only player in the women's semifinals who was younger than 34 by a score 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3. A jubilant Venus could barely contain her emotions after clinching a spot in the final on her fourth match point, putting her hands to her face, her jaw dropping, before she crossed her arms over her heart and did a stylish pirouette.

Venus and Serena Williams will face off in the Australian Open final on Saturday in Melbourne.
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Feeling like "it was in my hands to force this Williams final" in the subsequent match, six-time Australian Open champion Serena overwhelmed 34-year-old Mirjana Lucic-Baroni 6-2, 6-1 of Croatia.

By the time Roger Federer beat fourth-seeded Stan Wawrinka 7-5, 6-3, 1-6, 4-6, 6-3 in an all-Swiss night match to became the oldest man to reach a Grand Slam final since Ken Rosewall made the 1974 U.S. Open final at 39, they were calling it Throwback Thursday at Melbourne Park.

Three players who can combine for 46 Grand Slam titles and 106 years in age advanced to a final one after the other. Federer, returning from six months out to rest his injured left knee, will next play Sunday against either 14-time major champion Rafael Nadal and Grigor Dimitrov.

With the Williamses locked in for Saturday night, expectations are rising for another vintage Roger-Rafa bout.

"It's going to be special either way — one is going to go for his first slam or it's the epic battle with Rafa," Federer said. "All I care about is that I can win."

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For Metro Canada

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Ready in 6 hours 10 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 6 hours 10 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 6 chicken thighs
- 1 potato, peeled and cubed
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 carrots, peeled and chopped
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme (1 tsp dried)
- 1 or 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups low-sodium chicken stock
- 1 cup fresh or frozen peas
- 1/2 cup light cream

Directions

1. In a Dutch oven or high-sided skillet, sauté onions, celery and carrots in splash of vegetable oil for about five minutes.

2. Add flour, thyme and bay leaves and stir for a minute. Add stock and stir until smooth. Simmer for 3 or 4 minutes until sauce thickens.

3. Add the potatoes and good pinch of salt and pepper.

4. Place chicken thighs in the bottom of slow cooker and spoon the vegetable mixture over. Seal and set for 6 hours.

5. Add peas and cream and cook for 10 more minutes. Serve plain or over mashed potatoes.

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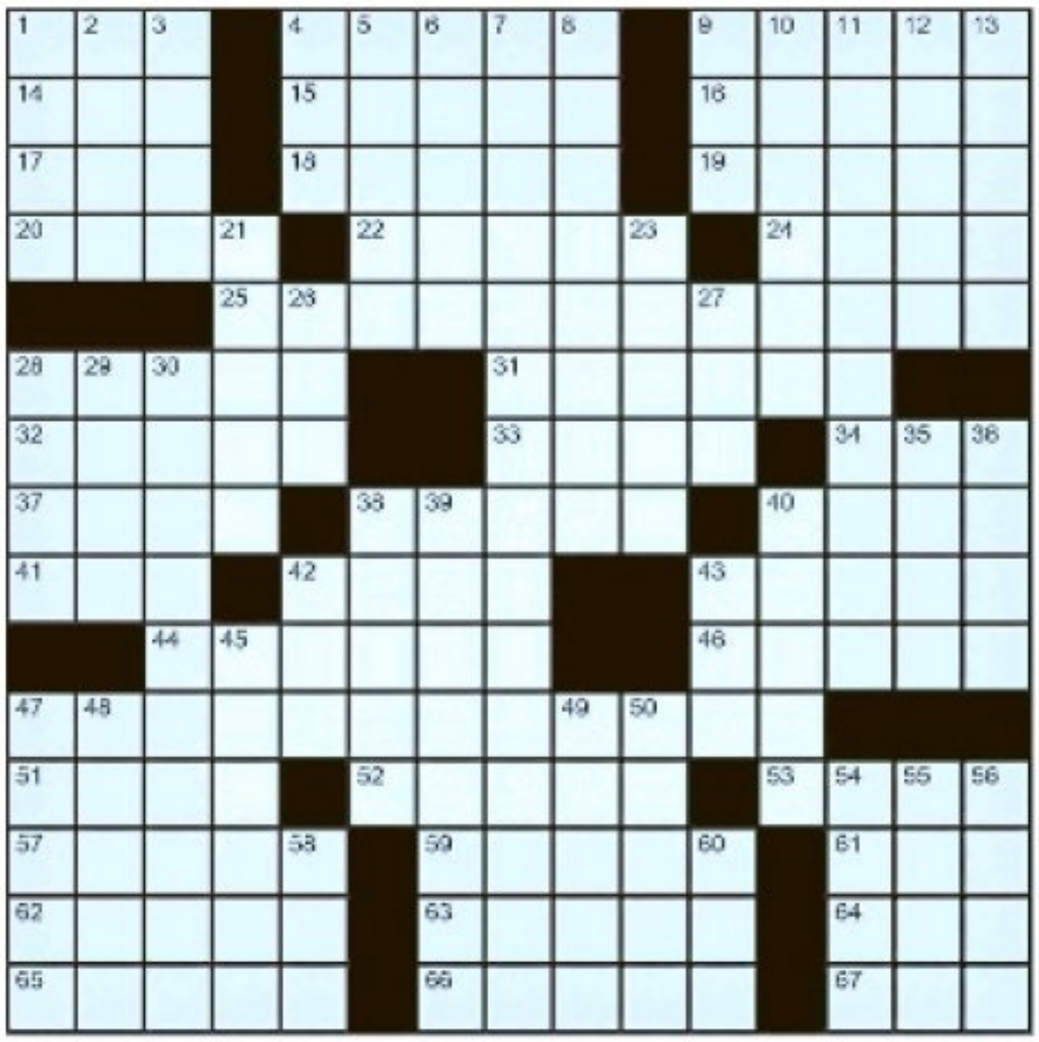

ACROSS
1. "Fancy that!" [pl.]
4. Genesis brother's namesakes
9. "Pretty Little _"
14. Collagen target
15. Medical gig for George Clooney on '90s TV: 2 wds.
16. "I challenge you to _ _!" (Sword-fight starter)
17. Caustic solution
18. Princes' "_ _ the Times"
19. Gladiator's 351
20. Goes off course
22. High wave
24. _ _ can (One-of-some spotted in the pantry)
25. Canadian scientist (b.1862 - d.1941) who was a recent Google Doodle: 2 wds.
28. Penned up
31. Swimsuits brand
32. Overturn
33. Street sort
34. Goose egg
37. Twisted
38. Sheathes, as with metal
40. Ms. Horne
41. Tree chopper
42. Elinor _ (British romance novelist)
43. Devoutness
44. Facing
46. Some chocolate treats
47. Irving _ Inc., headquartered in Halifax
51. Prefix with 'are' (Land measure)
52. Contempt
53. Heartbeat read-outs, commonly
57. The Hunter constellation
59. Green Day's "When _ _ Around"
61. Small battery
62. Happen as a result
63. Toast in a tavern!
64. PC information units
65. _ voce (Softly)
66. Particular sports network awards
67. Iris locale

DOWN
1. "_ McBeal"
2. "Howdy!": 2 wds.
3. Disgorge
4. Bronze Roman money
5. Nova Scotia island in the area of the Gulf of Maine and Bay of Fundy
6. Artist Mr. Degas
7. Section of the Rideau Canal with three vessel lift stations which are numbered 14, 15 and 16: 3 wds.
8. Keeping-track-of-game-points aid
9. Lake: French
10. Personhood proof: 2 wds.
11. "Going once, going twice..." professional
12. "The Beachcombers" character
13. Embark embarrassedly
21. "_ of a Woman" (1992)
23. Utopias
26. Math verb
27. Wide shoe width
28. Havana's locale
29. Top
30. Occupation of #25-Across, Botanist/_
35. Go _ detail (Elaborate)
36. Potato chips brand
38. North Pole surname
39. Put words to music as Tim Rice, Brit-style
40. Vassal
42. American Pres. monogram after Bill Clinton
43. Cook's need
45. Decide not to enroll or select: 2 wds.
47. Sandals and sneakers
48. "Tell _ _" by The Zombies
49. Sag
50. When flowers begin to bloom: 2 wds.
54. Candles-topped dessert
55. Eva's "Desperate Housewives" character, to pals
56. Mailing encl.
58. Retro's opposite
60. Pro golfer Ernie

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't get hung up on the fact that you feel a bit lonely or cut off from others today. It's just one of those things. We all have days like this. Plus, lots of people feel this way today.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Relations with friends or members of groups might be a bit strained or detached and cool today. Don't take this personally. It's not you. It's the spores in the air

Gemini May 22 - June 21
There's no question that relations with authority figures are strained today. Knowing this, it's not a day to ask for a favour or permission, is it?

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Travel for pleasure seems to be a bit more like work today. Ditto for exploring educational opportunities. Struggle on.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might be disappointed in your fair share of something today. "That's it?" Don't worry, because in a day or two, things will swing back in your favor.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Relations with partners and close friends are detached today. One tends to think, "What am I getting out of this relationship compared to what I'm putting into it?"

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your interactions with co-workers could be better. Others are not inclined to help you or go along with things. You might even feel the same way. Just coast today.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a bummer day for romantic relationships, because people tend to think, "What's in it for me?" This is not a giving day — it's quite the opposite.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today your ideas about redecorating or making improvements at home might be halted, because the cost of things is just prohibitive. Wait a week to see what you think later.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Relations with daily contacts are strained today. In fact, you feel unloved and unappreciated. Oh well. This too, shall pass. (You are loved.)

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Something to do with your finances (business or personal) disappoints you today. Well, you are not alone. Many people feel a financial squeeze play right now.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Today you are more concerned with practical realism as opposed to touchyfeely matters. Frankly, you simply have to work with what you've got. Today, you're on your own.

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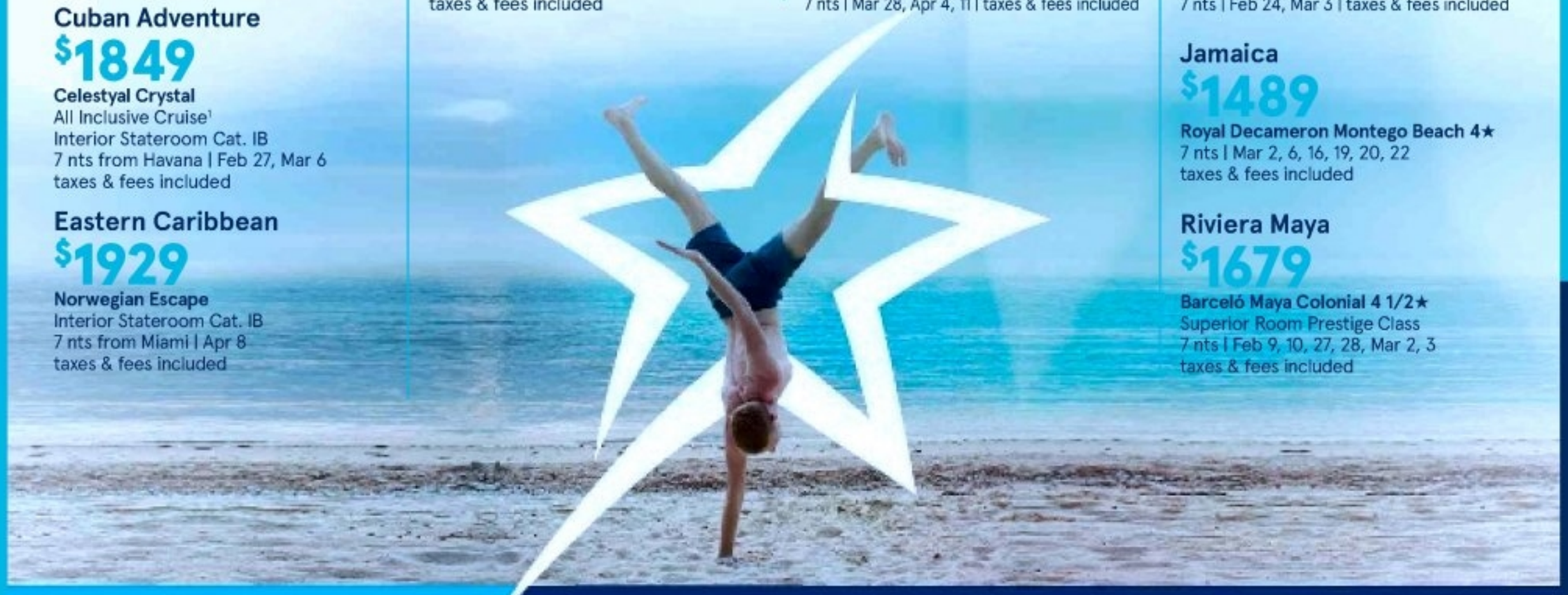

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